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Russia says US seized innocent ship

Germany urges diplomatic solution in Gulf

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN AND MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE German leadership spoke of peace and John Major talked ominously of war as James Baker, the American Secretary of State, continued his last round of Gulf diplomacy yesterday.

In a comprehensive round of contacts, which took him to Paris, Bonn and Milan, Mr Baker set the stage for today's crucial meeting in Geneva with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, where the Western alliance and Baghdad will have a final opportunity to test each other's determination. His words were reinforced by a message from President Bush, being distributed around the world.

Mr Major, talking to British forces in the Saudi Arabian desert, said the allied forces would unleash the full power at their disposal against President Saddam Hussein even if he withdrew his forces from most of Kuwait.

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his foreign minister, told Mr Baker that while Bonn fully supported United Nations resolutions calling for Iraq to leave Kuwait, they believed that diplomacy rather than force was the better way of achieving this.

The difference of emphasis between Bonn and Mr Major on the final day of the prime minister's visit to Saudi Arabia found an echo in the Gulf, with the Kremlin accusing the United States of detaining a Soviet vessel laden with spare parts and military equipment. The incident appeared likely to drive a wedge between Moscow and Washington at a crucial moment for the anti-Iraq alliance.

The Kremlin said the American and Spanish navies had seized a Soviet cargo ship in the Red Sea, but denied that the military spares it was carrying were bound for Iraq. The Soviet foreign ministry said that the vessel, Dmitri Furmanov, was boarded on January 4 by the allied officers patrolling to enforce a ban on arms and other supplies going to Baghdad. The cargo, bound for Jordan, was searched without the captain's presence and while the crew were held in the mess. The warships had surrounded the vessel, and were barring its passage to Jordan.

"The ship is in the Red Sea, surrounded by warships of Spain and the United States. From time to time, helicopters of the United States circle overhead," the ministry said in a statement. "(This) is another attempt to throw doubt on the actions of the Soviet side in complying with UN resolutions," it added. "The Soviet side declares that neither the cargo nor the route of the ship violate UN resolutions and that it considers the incident aimed against the commercial activities of the Soviet merchant marine."

The statement said that the ship was carrying 106 tonnes of spares and maintenance equipment for the Jordanian military. The captain complied with UN procedures and raised no objection to the search, it added. No non-declared cargoes were found. As for 11 boxes found in a separate room, "all the necessary documents for them were present".

In Washington, Pentagon sources confirmed that secret caches of weapons had been discovered on the Soviet vessel. The cargo included rocket launchers, detonators, explosives, tank parts and command-and-control equipment, some of which "was not on the manifest", officials said.

A spokesman denied that the vessel had been detained, saying that it had simply been "boarded and diverted". The ship was intercepted in the Gulf of Aqaba and was apparently bound for Jordan from Odessa, on the Black Sea. The spokesman said that he had no knowledge of its subsequent destination.

President Bush, apparently referring to the possibility of a surprise Iraqi proposal in Geneva today, gave a warning in a taped message distributed round the world that Saddam "may seek to split the coalition, to exploit our sincere desire for peace, to secure for himself the spoils of war." He predicted that any such attempt would fail, just as all his previous attempts had failed over the past five months. Mr Bush acknowledged: "Pressures are now building to provide Saddam Hussein some means of saving face, or to accept a withdrawal that is less than unconditional."

But without mentioning by name the French or other nations that have begun direct dialogues with Baghdad, the president continued: "The danger in this course should be clear to all. The price of peace now on Saddam's terms will be paid many times over in greater sacrifice and suffering. Saddam's power will only grow, along with his appetite for more conquest. The next conflict will find him stronger still, perhaps in possession even of nuclear weapons, and far more difficult to defeat."

In Paris, Mr Baker and his French hosts made a brave effort to reaffirm the common purpose of French and American diplomacy, with the two sides declaring total solidarity over their Gulf objectives.

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DAVID MOXEY

Destination disaster: the wreckage of the crashed commuter train at Cannon Street station after the trapped passengers had been removed

Lithuania regime resigns in price row

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE Lithuanian government resigned last night after clashing with deputies over prices, prompting fears that the Kremlin will now tighten its grip on the territory.

Those fears were exacerbated after Mr Rafik Nishanov, a senior Soviet official, criticised the outgoing Vilnius government and claimed that there was widespread desire in the Baltic state for firmer government.

The Lithuanian Parliament, which last March sent shock waves through the international community by declared full independence from Moscow, voted to accept the government's resignation by 72 votes to eight, with 22 abstentions.

The administration of the Prime Minister, Kazimiera Prunskiene, was effectively paralysed after deputies voted to reverse government moves to raise many prices.

Similar price rises, urged by liberal economists as an inevitable concomitant of moves towards a market economy, are being pushed through in Latvia and Estonia.

As a political crisis raged inside the Lithuanian Parliament, opponents of the republic's move towards independence, mainly members of the Russian and Polish minorities, staged a rowdy protest outside. A few managed to break down a steel door but were quickly repelled.

President Vytautas Landsbergis said there were plans for an attempt to storm the Vilnius Parliament today, presumably by anti-independence demonstrators.

Only about a thousand people responded to an appeal by Mr Landsbergis to come to parliament and demonstrate their support for the republic's sovereignty.

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Driver interviewed after train runs into buffers

By MICHAEL DYNES AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

ACCIDENT investigators yesterday interviewed the driver of the crowded commuter train that ploughed into the buffers at Cannon Street station, London, after an apparent brake failure, leaving one dead and 247 injured.

Doctors, paramedics and firemen fought for three hours to rescue about 200 passengers from the wreckage of the 7.58 from Sevenoaks, Kent, which crashed into the terminal at 8.44am. The severity of the wreckage shocked rescuers who were told the train was travelling at 5mph. The stunned driver, who was uninjured, told Daryll Lake, aged 20, a builder from Bromley who was travelling in the front: "The brakes failed, the brakes failed."

The ten-carriage train, which should have been carrying no more than 800 passengers seated and 80 standing, was understood to have been carrying up to 1,000.

London teaching hospitals swung into action to cope with the injured and medical teams were flown in by helicopter to provide treatment. All the injured were cut free by 12.15pm, allowing engineers to strip the braking system.

The passenger who died is believed to be a man in his early 20s who suffered severe head and abdominal injuries and a heart attack, apparently caused by blood loss.

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Rail experts said the severity of the wreckage was inconsistent with the speed at which British Rail said the train was moving, and suggested it must have been travelling at 15 to 20mph.

The accident will now be investigated investigation will be conducted by HM Inspector of Railways, which was recently transferred from the transport department to the independent Health and Safety Executive, and by British Transport Police.

The accident, the first involving a fatality since the three rail disasters at Clapham and Purley in London, and Bellgrove Junction in Glasgow, occurred the day after British Rail was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court for failing to provide an effective signalling system and endangering the lives of passengers at the Clapham disaster two years ago.

Chris Green, director of Network SouthEast, said the high casualty rate was partly due to the number of passengers who stood up to be ready to leave the train, compounded by about 200 commuters forced to stand for much of the journey and the structural weakness of the 1950s rolling stock.

Pan Am files for protection

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

PAN AM, the American "flag carrier" airline with debts of more than £500 million, yesterday applied for protection under chapter 11 of the American bankruptcy laws.

For 120 days, it will be allowed to operate a full service while being freed from having to pay creditors.

In the short term Pan Am has secured $150 million (£78.6 million) loans from Bankers Trust and United that, together with $30 million from its own reserves, will keep it afloat while financial restructuring takes place.

The American transportation department has given preliminary approval for the transfer of Pan Am's Heathrow operations to United Airlines for £140 million.

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Authority to appeal

South West Water Authority, which supplied 20,000 of its customers with water contaminated with aluminium sulphate, is to appeal against its conviction and £10,000 fine yesterday at Exeter Crown Court.

The authority, now replaced by South West Water plc, was found guilty of causing a public nuisance..... Page 4

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John Gummer, the agriculture minister, has been accused of delaying the adoption by the European Community of fish conservation measures in the North Sea, which he claims credit for promoting.... Page 3

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Airlines on alert to fly out injured

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH airlines have been asked to put aircraft and crews on stand-by, ready to provide a medical evacuation fleet if war breaks out in the Gulf.

Ministry of Defence officials have inspected jets now used on both scheduled and charter flights and they are drawing up a list of those suitable for conversion to carry casualties to Britain.

Although it may be necessary to requisition aircraft and their crews, the ministry hopes there will be enough volunteers to man those aircraft that airlines make available.

Under contingency plans now being completed, any casualties would be taken to hospitals away from the front line by helicopter, before being flown directly to Britain in RAF transport aircraft or being taken to Cyprus. The ministry is planning to set up a main holding area on the island that would provide a base for civilian jets. They would then be fitted out either as emergency stretcher carriers or to bring the dead back for burial in Britain.

Another holding area is being considered at Stansted airport, Essex, where there is plenty of spare capacity for an emergency military centre.

Up to 20 British airports have been asked to draw up plans for accepting casualties, who would then be ferried to nearby hospitals. The defence ministry, which is planning to keep civilian aircraft away from the war zone, will provide insurance cover for the aircraft.

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Panic on platform 3 after 5mph accident

By NICHOLAS WATT

SHOCKED passengers huddled together in little groups on the concourse of Cannon Street station yesterday, dazed and unable to believe that a routine commuter journey had turned into an horrific train crash.

They sat on the platform on the train's blue velvet seats, which had been ripped out of the carriages by passengers and ambulance crews. The injured sipped cups of police tea, as they nursed nosebleeds, head injuries and bruises.

Emergency workers milled around, tending to the injured. Some were carried out to ambulances on stretchers; one man lay in the concourse pale and unconscious.

Other passengers, who had minor injuries, spoke of the "mad panic" as the train made its normal approach into the station at 5 mph but failed to brake and slammed into the buffers at 8.44 am.

Darryl Lake, aged 20, a builder from Bromley, Kent, said: "The train was only going five to 10 miles per hour — I just can't believe there could be this much damage. When I got off the train there was debris all over the place. Ambulance men were ripping out the seats and using them

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Major plain, direct and not quite Henry V

From ROBIN OAKLEY IN DHAHRAN

IT WAS not quite how Margaret Thatcher would have done it. There was a lot more *con brio* with her.

It is doubtful if Michael Heseltine would have talked to troops in the desert dressed in the sort of fawn shirt and slacks that John Major probably once wore to slip into the newsagent's for a packet of peppermints.

But when the prime minister told the squaddies of the Third Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, many of them youngsters from Lancashire who had been in the desert no more than a fortnight, that he would listen to any points they made and talk to the defence secretary, Tom King, about them, they could believe instantly that he would.

Mr Major lent himself, as modern prime ministers must, to the needs of the television camera crews and climbed on board the Challenger tank of Brigade Commander Christopher Hammerbeck, beaming amiably like a school swot who has scored a surprise half century, to belt down the track in a plume of sand, dust and black smoke.

His address to the troops was more fireside chat than Henry V, however. Unscripted, direct and unvarnished it was all the more effective for its lack of artifice. This is a prime minister who pays audiences the compliment of talking to them rather than to the world outside.

Having flown over the seamless desert from Jubail to see a battle group of the 4th Armoured Brigade in training, Mr Major had probably been as awed as the rest of us by the huge expanse: sometimes flat and crusty like a pie, sometimes soft and drifting like a vast tin of pancake sugar, sometimes formed into shapes like giant upturned jelly moulds. Up close, tanks and the other military hardware look huge. As you fly over in a Puma helicopter they are pinpricks writing signatures in the sand.

Greeted by the top brass with plumes in their berets, Mr Major sat the troops down to tell them why they were there. Blinking into the sun over his shoulder, rifles across their knees or propped beside them, chemical warfare suits and gas masks at the ready, the young Desert Rats, wearing the insignia of a jerboa with its tail up, listened intently.

He told them, to the steady crump of practice artillery shells exploding a few miles away, that he hoped he would not have to call on their fighting skills, but unless President Saddam Hussein cleared out of Kuwait, "we will invite you forcibly to remove him with your allies". Britain and the other allies, he

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Major in the Gulf: direct and unvarnished



Regrettably it's no storm in a teacup

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Hospitals ignore cash crisis to tackle Cannon St crash

By JILL SHERMAN
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

LONDON teaching hospitals, crippled by financial difficulties, swung swiftly into action yesterday to cope with hundreds of injured passengers from the Cannon Street train crash.

St Bartholomew's hospital, which has been on red alert since last August after closing more than 150 of its beds, was designated as the main accident hospital and treated 108 crash victims by lunchtime. Guy's hospital, which will become self-governing in April, dealt with 120 casualties although most were shortly released after being treated for minor injuries. Hundreds of staff volunteered to extend their shifts or come in on their day off and managers shrugged off the cost implications of reopening closed beds.

Yesterday most emergency cases unrelated to the crash were automatically diverted by the London Ambulance Service to other hospitals in central and east London, allowing Bart's and Guy's to coacentrate on treating as many of the train victims as possible. Casualties arrived at both hospitals throughout the morning. Doctors, nurses and porters volunteered for duty when they heard the extent of the accident. At a mobile blood transfusion unit at Guy's people queued in the pouring rain to give blood.

"We coped very well. Only on Monday we had been discussing our role in the event of casualties in the Gulf. This was not a rehearsal though, it was real," Major General Norman Kirby, consultant in charge of the accident and emergency services at Guy's, said. He added that overcrowding on the train undoubtedly contributed to the high number of injuries. "When you get a busy train like this jammed with people, many of them standing up, then they all fall on top of each other. Many of the injuries were caused by briefcases and other luggage falling on top of people."

David Skinner, consultant in the accident and emergency department at St Bartholomew's, said he also believed that the overcrowding had increased the number of injuries. Two operating theatres at Bart's were designated exclusively for the crash victims and doctors had to ensure that patients were discharged quickly so that enough beds were available. Patients needing urgent operations were telephoned in the morning and told not to come in. One woman with cancer had her operation postponed for a day after hurried negotiations with her consultant. The 16-bed admission ward was cleared by mid-morning with its incumbents moved to other wards.

Managers were waiting to reopen a 24-bed ward as the casualties continued to be brought in towards lunchtime. Thoughts of mounting financial debt were momentarily cast aside, as doctors and managers were faced with the more pressing crisis of dealing with fractured necks and limbs. "It was a bit of a cat-and-mouse game, not knowing how many casualties would be coming through, but patients come first. We can worry about finances later," Timothy Jones, the hospital's duty officer, said. Luckily 100 beds closed at Christmas to save money reopened on Sunday and Monday. Within half an hour of the crash the casualty department was manned by 60 doctors, with another 50 standing by.

More than 60 nurses were also on duty — many of them having telephoned the hospital to volunteer their services after hearing of the crash. "The staff have been magnificent," Pam Higgs, chief nursing officer, said. "Some came in on their off day, night staff coming off duty stayed to help while others stopped what they were doing and immediately reported in." At 8.57 the hospital was notified that it had been designated as the main hospital to deal with crash victims. Bart's newly revised major accident policy was put into immediate effect. "It was amazingly effective, considering what happened at the rehearsals," Mr Jones said.

All staff arriving at the casualty department were given a bib or a badge at a central co-ordinating unit and a card setting out their role and duties. A special section was set up for the police and the press and for the continual stream of anxious relatives. Two emergency medical teams from the hospital attended the scene of the crash with a cardiac unit. Drugs, dressings and resuscitation equipment were laid out on the platform on seat cushions from the train to serve as a medical base. As soon as the patients arrived at Barts they were assessed by teams of doctors, split into groups according to their condition under a triage system, and taken to x-ray.

Seventeen patients were later admitted to four hospital wards while the remainder were treated for shock or minor injury in the casualty department before being discharged. Dr Skinner said most of the casualties had suffered head injuries and lacerations, causing temporary unconsciousness in some cases.

Virginia Bottomley, health minister, praised the emergency services for their prompt response. "What is clear is that at Bart's there is an accepted way of responding to emergencies."

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THE RESCUE

Emergency teams fight to save victims from wreckage

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A MAJOR emergency was declared by City of London police within ten minutes of the 8.44am Cannon Street crash and by 8.59am the first of more than 80 firemen and over 100 ambulance personnel began arriving.

They were backed by a team of 11 doctors, two of whom were flown in by helicopter, from the fast-response British Association for Immediate Care (Basics) and the London and St Bartholomew's hospitals. The helicopter landed on the bridge outside the recently modernised station and later took the worst injured to hospital in several return flights.

Dr Kenneth Hines, Basics's London unit co-ordinator and one of the first on the scene, said: "It was organised chaos. A large number of people with many injuries were removed rapidly. Most of the casualties had limb and compression injuries. These are never pretty scenes, but there was a lot of good humour. Patients were making jokes and there was no panic."

Dr Judith Fisher, chairman of Basics, said: "It wasn't as horrifying as the Clapham disaster, and people were very good, many of them talking to us as we gave them medical attention."

Passengers trapped in the wreckage of carriages five and six, which took the main impact as 300 tons of metal crashed into the buffers at platform three, were given analgesics and, in about six cases, plasma drips. Surgeons were alerted to perform two amputations to help firemen free those most deeply trapped in carriage five, and defibrillator and resuscitation equipment was brought in, as was equipment to monitor patients' heartbeats and oxygen concentration. The equipment, always on stand-by for emergencies, was laid out on the platform on seat cushions from the train.



A survivor leaving the scene of the Cannon Street crash

Sean Brady, aged 26, a senior charge nurse from St Bartholomew's, told how he and colleagues fought to save the passenger who died, a man in his early twenties, who had suffered head and abdominal injuries and had a heart attack, apparently brought on by loss of blood. "We tried for some time to resuscitate him, but unfortunately he died," Mr Brady said. "It was very distressing. You can't think too much about it at the time because you are so busy dealing with other casualties."

Paul Sherry, senior orthopaedic registrar at St Bartholomew's, used sign language amid the noise of the rescue to communicate with a man trapped for nearly three hours under a steel girder. Mr Sherry clambered through a wrecked carriage and slid into a narrow space near the roof to get to the man, in his late thirties, known to him only as Paul.

"He was trapped by the right arm and we were worried that he might lose his arm," said Mr Sherry. "It looked as if he had suffered a compound fracture. He was given pain-killers and didn't say very much. The noise from jack hammers and generators was so great we couldn't make ourselves heard, so we communicated by sign language. He squeezed my hand throughout, which became agonisingly painful."

The man was taken to the London hospital, Whitechapel, where Mr Sherry hoped to visit him.

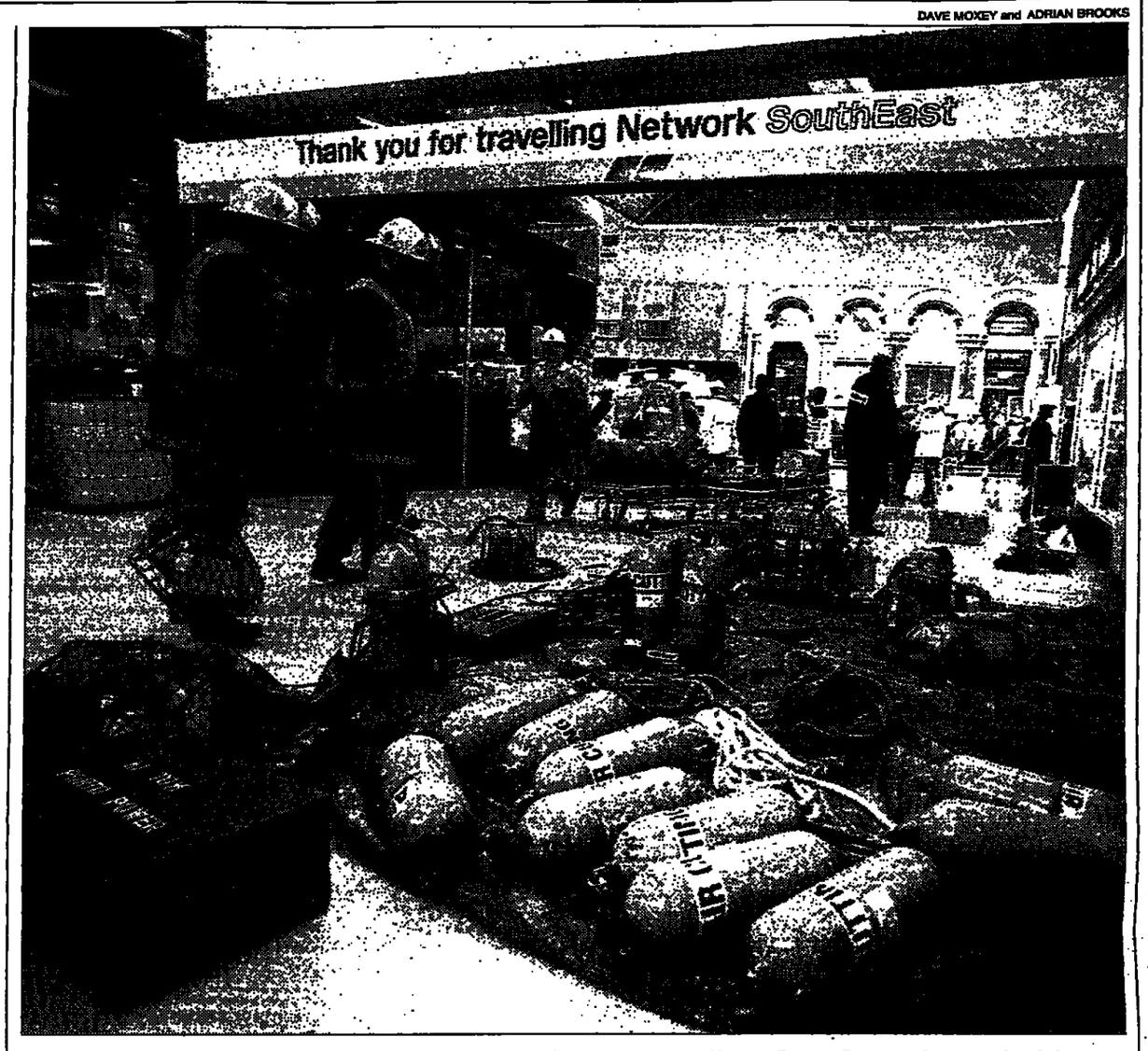
Peter Westwood, a paramedic, said: "It was a real mess, just a tangled wreck where the two carriages came together. It was a pretty horrific sight, believe me."

Firemen, who manned two rescue tenders, ten pumps and two control units, had to use compressed-air cold-cutting equipment, because of the dangers of acetylene, and "spreading jaws" which force metal apart. Carriage walls, doors, seats and luggage racks had to be prised apart before ambulance officers and medics could give medical attention.

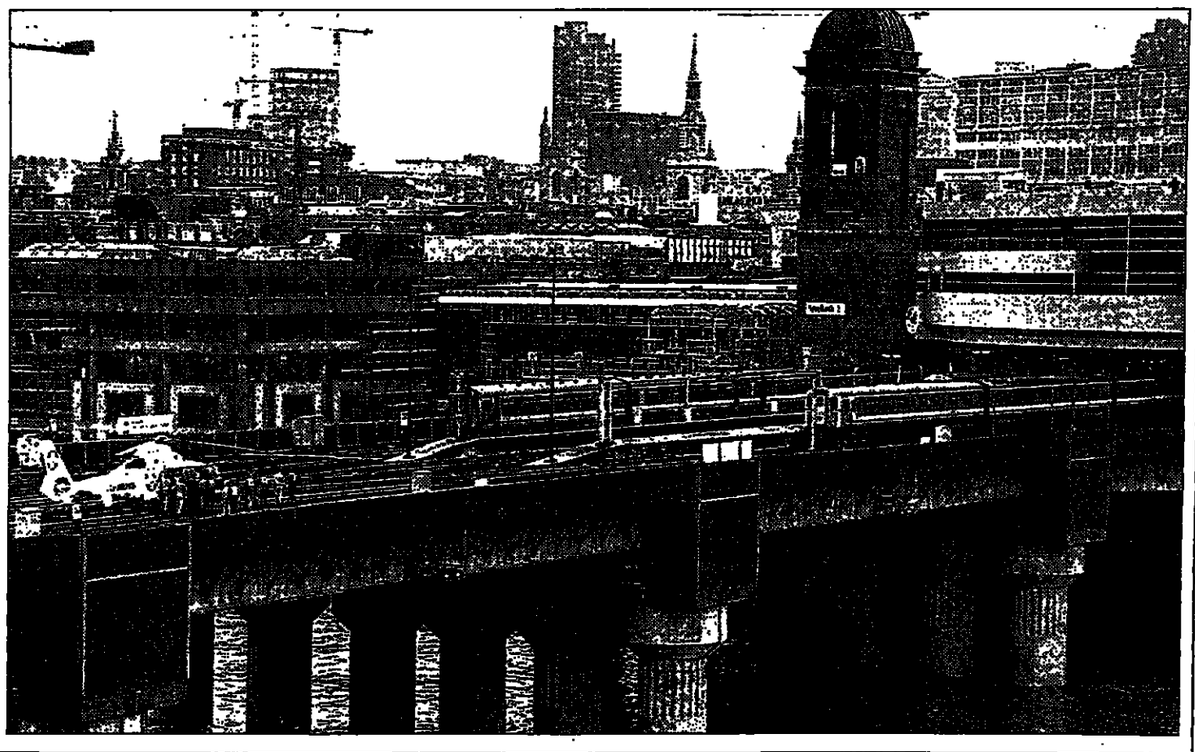
Michael Bachelor, aged 35, a fireman, said: "There were people screaming and hollering. The difficulty was the lack of space. There was room enough for us, but not for the guys with the cutting machinery. One man had his arm twisted the whole way round and it was very difficult cutting him out. You had to be so careful."

Gerald Clarkson, London's chief fire officer, described rescuers' joint operation as "working in a quiet, assured and collective way to a plan they have rehearsed".

DAVE MOXEY and ADRIAN BROOKS



Scene of the crash: rescue workers setting out heavy cutting equipment after the accident at Cannon Street station yesterday; below, an aerial ambulance waiting to take casualties to hospital after landing on the tracks of the rail bridge over the Thames



Chronology of death and injury on Britain's railways

By WILLIAM CASH

BRITAIN'S worst train crash was on May 22, 1915, when 227 people were killed as a wooden troop train and a passenger train collided at Gretna Green. Yesterday's crash at Cannon Street came the day after British Rail was committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court on two charges arising from the Clapham rail disaster, which claimed 35 lives.

Previous rail crashes have included:

Aug 3, 1990: One killed and 36 injured when two passenger trains collided at Stafford station.

Aug 1, 1990: A packed commuter train on the wrong track crashed into a train at Reading station, injuring 41.

July 21, 1990: Nineteen injured when a rail buckled by the heatwave caused a derailment of a rear coach outside Glasgow Central station.

Nov 30, 1989: Fifteen injured when two InterCity expresses collided outside Newcastle upon Tyne central station.

Mar 6, 1989: Two killed when two suburban electric trains collided head-on in Glasgow.

Mar 4, 1989: Five people died and more than 90 injured when two trains collided outside Purley station in Surrey.

Dec 12, 1988: Thirty-five people died and 111 injured in Clapham Junction train crash in south London when express train ploughed into the back of rush-hour commuter train.

Nov 12, 1988: Train driver died and 18 passengers were hurt when a commuter train ploughed into a bridge after leaving the tracks at St Helens, Merseyside.

Oct 19, 1987: Four people died when a train fell into the swollen Towy, in South Wales, after a bridge collapsed.

Sept 19, 1986: Fourteen injured when two trains collided at Forest Gate on the Liverpool Street line in London.

July 26, 1986: Nine people were killed and 11 injured when a passenger train hit a van on a level crossing at Lockington, Yorkshire.

Sept 1986: One person died and 60 were hurt in a collision between two packed express trains at Colwich, Staffordshire.

Dec 4, 1984: Two killed and 77 hurt when a passenger train hit a tanker at Salford loaded with 140,000 gallons of petrol.

Oct 11, 1984: Three killed and 60 injured at Wembley, north London, when a passenger train collided with a freight train.

July 1984: Thirteen killed and 44 hurt in a derailment in Falkirk.

Other serious rail accidents include:

Feb 1975: Forty-three killed and 74 hurt when a train crashed into a cul-de-sac tunnel at Moorgate Underground station, London.

Dec 1973: Ten killed and 94 hurt in an express train derailment at Ealing, west London.

Nov 1967: Forty-nine killed and 78 hurt at Hither Green, south London.

Dec 1965: Ninety dead and 173 hurt at Lewisham, southeast London.

Oct 1952: One hundred and twelve killed and 340 hurt in Harrow and Wealdstone crash.

THE SAFETY ASPECTS

Human error or a mechanical failure?

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Transport Police and investigators from the railways inspectorate began simultaneous enquiries into the crash in an effort to establish whether the accident was caused by driver error or mechanical failure.

Eye-witness reports that the driver was heard repeatedly screaming "the brakes aren't working" as the train approached the buffers will focus attention on the possibility of brake failure, although human error cannot yet be ruled out.

According to Richard Hope, editor of *Railway Gazette*, the braking system on Southern Region's eletro-pneumatic braking (EPB) trains, which is one of the most antiquated of all British Rail's rolling stock, having come into service in the early 1950s, "has a long history of development, and an excellent safety record".

Compressed air cylinders are built into each coach. When the driver operates the brakes an electrical signal passes down the train opening up a series of valves, allowing air pressure to apply the brake blocks to the wheels. In the event of an electrical failure, an air pipe running the length of the train can be opened enabling the brake blocks to be applied by external air pressure.

Speaking from the scene of the accident, Chris Green, director of Network SouthEast, said that the Sevenoaks train was understood to be travelling at about 5mph when the crash happened. If correct, that would suggest that the brakes were working, at least for part of the journey between London Bridge and Cannon Street, where the train would have been travelling at 20 to 25mph before the brakes would have been applied along the platform.

Mr Hope said that the extent of the structural damage, which included minor buckling in the leading carriage and severe buckling in the fifth and six carriages, was more consistent with the train travelling at 20 mph. "I'm inclined to believe the driver. Given the amount of damage, it's simply not credible that the train was only travelling at 5mph," he added.

Martin Osbourne, aged 23, a banker who was in the second carriage, said there was "a tremendous crash when the train ran into the buffers and rebounded into the remaining carriages", indicating that the train was travelling at speed. "Many of the doors on the first carriage were bent and buckled, and could not be opened from inside," he said. Other passengers also suggested the train was travelling faster than normal.

Roger Ford, the technical editor of *Modern Railways*, suggested that the extent of the damage could be attributable to the poor design of the rolling stock rather than the train's speed. "Unlike modern trains, EPB rolling stock doesn't have much structural strength," he said. "There are many more doors, which make the rolling stock weaker, and in a collision the chassis can separate from the carriage and crash into another carriage. The carriages are simply there to keep the rain off passengers."

Critics of British Rail's policy on overcrowding, which permits trains to carry about 10 per cent more people than there are seats, will probably blame the policy for the high casualty rate. The number of people standing will have been increased by those who had left their seats ready to leave the train.

If the accident was caused by brake failure, the proposed introduction of automatic train protection technology, for preventing drivers from passing signals at danger or breaking speed limits, would not have prevented the accident. That technology, which will take about ten years to install throughout the national rail network, will merely verify that a driver has understood a signal and taken the appropriate action.

SURVIVORS' MEMORIES

Support will help to reduce fear

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

SURVIVORS who suffer recurrent nightmares about the Cannon Street crash can have their dreams reshaped by psychiatrists to help them over the experience.

In a technique called dream rehearsal, mentally scarred passengers will be offered happier endings to their memories of the accident. They will also be coaxed gradually back on to trains in order to reduce their fears.

The two methods have been used successfully by psychiatrists dealing with survivors of the King's Cross fire in 1987 and the Clapham rail disaster of 1988. Some of those passengers have been so badly affected, however, that they may never again travel on any form of public transport, specialists said yesterday.

Many of those injured at Cannon Street are likely to suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), in which the symptoms are extreme anxiety, depression, nightmares and intrusive memories. Psychiatrists at St Bartholomew's hospital, where more than a hundred injured were taken, will offer help to the casualties. Further psychological support will be provided by City of London social services counsellors.

The hospital has a team of 40 psychiatrists and other staff, many of whom helped survivors of the King's Cross fire. Dr Peter White, a consultant psychiatrist at Bart's, said: "The disasters of the last few years in Britain have shown that PTSD is a genuine disorder that we can help to prevent.

"Some patients suffer horrid nightmares but by rehearsing the individual's dream and suggesting alternative endings to it, for instance the train does not crash or nobody is hurt, the experience can be made tolerable. I am sure this approach will be offered to some of those involved at Cannon Street."

Anxious survivors will be gently encouraged to return to the station and to board a train. This technique of graded exposure to the source of their fears is very effective, according to Gary Jackson, a researcher in psychiatry at University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, London.

Dr Jackson, who is studying the long-term effects on Clapham and King's Cross survivors, said: "We know that some of these individuals still cannot bear to go on any form of public transport. Their anxieties may be life-long, but many others can be treated successfully."

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CORRECTIONS

The sculptor Silvia Ziranek's pink coiffure has been sponsored by hairdressers Toni & Guy since 1987, not, as stated in a photographic caption on January 3, by Beck's Bier, sponsors of her exhibition.

Frederick Ashton's ballet *Façade* was premiered by the Camargo Society at the Cambridge Theatre in 1931, and not at Sadler's Wells as stated on the arts page (Jan 2).

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Watchdog is given tough powers to aid lawyers' victims

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE first Legal Services Ombudsman for England and Wales opened his office in Manchester yesterday with a range of tough new powers to ensure that people are compensated for loss, inconvenience or distress arising from a lawyer's mishandling of a case.

Michael Barnes, aged 58, is taking on the new post of public watchdog over the way the legal profession and the Council for Licensed Conveyancers handle complaints at a time when the annual total of complaints is steadily rising. Last year the total to the Solicitors' Complaints' Bureau was some 18,000; and the total to the Bar Council about 250.

Mr Barnes's role is look at those cases where people have been through the professional complaints machinery and are still dissatisfied. His first task is to tackle a backlog of between 500 and 600 cases inherited from the Lay Observer, whose job was confined to monitoring the way the Law Society handled complaints but who lacked the powers being given to the Ombudsman under the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.



Barnes: new ombudsman for legal services

As a one-off measure, seven senior retired officials from the Lord Chancellor's Department are to work from home to tackle the backlog. However, the workload at the new office is likely to go on mounting. Judging from the experience of other newly-appointed ombudsmen, and Mr Barnes's wide remit, complaints to his office could rise this year by another 25 to 30 per cent.

"Generally, people are more aware of the existence of ombudsmen in a number of spheres and that if they have a problem, there is someone to whom they can have recourse," Mr Barnes said yesterday.

Mr Barnes, Labour MP for Brentford and Chiswick from 1966 to 1974 and former director of the UK Immigrants' Advisory Service, singles out three new powers at his disposal that should improve the way the professional bodies (the Law Society, the Bar, and the Council for Licensed Conveyancers) handle complaints.

The most significant, he says, is the power to recommend that compensation (of an unlimited sum) be paid either by a lawyer complained about for any loss, inconvenience or distress resulting from his handling of a matter or by a professional body for the way it handled the complaint.

Alternatively, he can recommend that a lawyer or a professional body repay some or all of the money a complainant has spent in pursuing a complaint; or that the professional body reconsider its handling of the complaint.

This is backed by the sanction that if the lawyer or the body refuses, the Ombudsman can require them to take out an advertisement (the place and size to be specified by him), and publicise their reasons. If they still refuse, he can take out the advertisement himself and then recoup the cost in the courts as a civil debt. "It's the sanction of bad publicity," Mr Barnes said.

Another important new power is that the Ombudsman can reinvestigate a complaint. The Lay Observer had no such power. If he fails to obtain cooperation of the lawyer involved, he has the same powers as a High Court judge to compel witnesses to attend or produce documents.

Thirdly, Mr Barnes can make recommendations to improve standards of service to the public and to highlight gaps in legal training.

☐ The Legal Services Ombudsman is at 22 Oxford Court, Oxford Street, Manchester M2 3WQ (Tel 061-236 9532).

Rolls glide on in spite of recession

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE main preoccupation in the boardroom at Vickers last night was whether its most expensive vehicle, the £2 million Challenger tank, would withstand the ultimate test in the Gulf.

There was quiet delight, however, at the success of a somewhat cheaper model in the engineering group's range, which was gliding effortlessly through fears of war and recession.

For Rolls-Royce Motors, a Vickers subsidiary, increased its sales last year in spite of belt-tightening among the rich around the world at the prospect of war and depression.

A total of 3,333 of the luxurious motor cars, which cost about £100,000 each, rolled out of the showrooms, an increase of 2.8 per cent at a time when other British car companies are losing sales.

Rolls-Royce even increased sales in the Middle East, where prospects were abruptly ended by the invasion of Kuwait in August. The showroom in Saudi Arabia, formerly visited by some of the wealthiest customers in the world, has been closed since the invasion and is unlikely to reopen until Kuwait's future is settled.

Neighbouring states, such as the United Arab Emirates and Oman, have continued to buy, however, and the 149 Rolls-Royces and Bentleys delivered to the region last year was a 6.4 per cent increase over 1989.

Enthusiasm for the exclusive workmanship of the Crewe-based craftsmen is also growing in Japan, the ultimate land of mass production, where sales doubled to 294 cars. In mainland Europe 556 cars were sold, a 9 per cent increase.

Sales even held firm in Britain. In spite of a drop of more than 12 per cent in the total market for new cars, 1,007 Rolls-Royces were sold, just two fewer than in 1989. The United States, bracing itself for a troubled year, proved the toughest market. Sales fell 7.2 per cent to 1,182.

Sir David Plastow, chairman and chief executive of Vickers, said: "Despite a more difficult economic climate and fears over the Gulf, there is still a market for British engineering excellence. I like to repeat the words of Henry Royce: 'The quality is still remembered long after the price is forgotten'."

Poll tax has 'failed the basic test'

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE poll tax has failed in its primary goals of increasing local government's accountability to electors and curbing overspending, according to a report published yesterday.

Based on case studies of ten local authorities in England, the survey, commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, found that ordinary people had no clear idea how their money was being spent by local authorities.

It blamed the new system of local government finance introduced at the same time as the poll tax, which, it said, confused charge-payers about the use to which their community charge was put.

Under the new system, English and Welsh district councils were required to set up collection funds, into which all poll tax receipts are paid along with government grants and business rate income.

County councils and parish councils were then paid out of the central pot, making it impossible to say what proportion of the poll tax paid by individuals has been spent on individual services, the report said. Councils were no longer directly accountable to either residents or businesses.

Alice Bloch, of the Policy Studies Institute, author of the report, said: "The community charge has, along with the new method of grant allocation, served to increase pressure on budgeting decisions and exert more central government control over local revenue finance."



A way with words: Catherine Smith, daughter of John Smith, the shadow chancellor, has been chosen for the Scottish team in the Britannic Assurance world schools debating championships. Catherine, a sixth-year pupil at Boroughmuir high school, Edinburgh, hopes to study law. She has no plans to follow her father into politics, however, saying: "It takes up a lot of time. I am not sure I have the dedication." Should the Scottish team reach the final, one of the judges will be Donald Dewar, Labour's Scottish affairs spokesman.



Hard labour: Prisoners working in the greenhouse at Leyhill open prison, near Bristol, where they have spent six months preparing an entry for the Chelsea Flower Show in May. Four men are putting together a display of 10,000 herbs and vegetables, ranging from basil to beetroot. David Meldrum, the prison governor, said: "They have put a lot of time and effort into it. Something like this takes very careful planning." One of the inmates, Peter Baxter, aged 36, said: "It's every gardener's dream to get into Chelsea; to win a medal would be an added bonus."

Five lost at sea as wind and ice strike

By BILL FROST

FIVE French seamen were missing yesterday after the trawler Moise sunk in bad weather about two miles north of Boulogne. A French navy minesweeper, helicopters and other fishing vessels were still searching for wreckage last night, although coastguards said there was no chance that the crew could have survived.

The trawler sent out a Mayday signal at 7.20pm on Monday evening saying that the boat was sinking, but the radio went dead before the skipper could give his position. Rescuers have recovered crates of fish and some equipment from the trawler but the search for bodies has been severely hampered by high winds.

In northern England, heavy snow last night closed two lanes of the M6 in Cumbria between Killington and Shap and police in the county warned that blizzards had made all roads dangerous. A police spokesman said that every gritter was out trying to keep all main roads passable. "We strongly advise motorists to stay at home — their lives will be at risk if they are stranded in these conditions."

Black ice in many areas of the country caused a spate of accidents. Roads in Staffordshire, Shropshire, Hereford and Worcester, and Warwickshire were reported to be treacherous. The AA warned motorists to take special care on ungritted side roads. Stretches of the M54 were said to be particularly slippery.

The A49 in Shropshire, one of the main links between south Wales and the North-West, was blocked for a time at Onibury, near Ludlow, when two articulated lorries skidded and overturned. Roads were also dangerous throughout Merseyside, Cheshire and north Wales, and there were reports of many minor accidents involving skidding cars.

In Wales, the A470 was blocked by snow at the Dinas Mawddwy Pass, Gwynedd, between Welshpool and Dolgellau, while the Beulah to Newbridge-on-Wye road in Powys was closed after two lorries overturned on black ice.

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Scientist disputes Gummer's account of conservation role

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Gummer, the agriculture minister, has been accused of delaying the adoption by the European Community of fish conservation measures in the North Sea, which he claims credit for promoting.

Scientists believe that had the measures been taken sooner, stocks of cod and haddock might not have fallen so sharply in recent years. In a letter published in *The Times* today, Michael Holden, who retired last year as head of the conservation unit in the European Commission's directorate-general for fisheries, disputes Mr Gummer's claim that he was responsible in 1986 for persuading the EC to increase minimum net mesh sizes from 80mm to 90mm.

Mr Gummer wrote to *The Times* last month to protest at a leading article that had questioned his commitment to fish conservation. He said that as fisheries minister during the UK presidency of the EC in 1986 he had successfully pressed the European Community to increase the mesh size to reduce the catch of juvenile fish.

Mr Holden says in his letter that Brussels had been trying to get the mesh size changed since 1977 and that in 1986 Mr Gummer succeeded in delaying the increase in the minimum size to 90mm by two years, largely because the Scottish fishing industry wanted an 85mm size for an interim period. "As a result, the 90mm mesh size did not come into force until January 1, 1989, over 11 years after it was originally proposed."

Asked to comment on Mr Holden's account, a spokesman for Mr Gummer said yesterday: "Only the British presidency in 1986 had the commitment to conservation and the determination to press this proposal through the council so that 90mm became the norm. The phasing-in of this decision over two years was a minor price to pay for securing council agreement to this significant improvement, for which the commission had long been pressing."

Mr Holden, who drafted the original proposal and was privy to the discussions, responded last night: "Mr Gummer's interpretation is a total misrepresentation in so far as he implies that he forced the 90mm mesh on the rest of the Community."

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Crew on arms boat mistook location

The Irish crew of the coaster Eksund, carrying a 150-ton arsenal allegedly for the IRA, thought they were safely in international waters when they and their vessel were seized by French customs men off the coast of Brittany in October 1987, a court in Paris was told yesterday.

Adrian Hopkins, aged 52, the boat's skipper, is awaiting trial in Dublin, but the other four crew members face charges in France of transporting arms, using forged documents and importing prohibited merchandise.

☐ A booby-trap car bomb and revolver were found in the back of a car hired by Pauline Quinn, of Cappagh, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, the High Court in Belfast was told yesterday. The court refused an application for bail by Miss Quinn, who was described as a very active, high-ranking member of the IRA.

Hare mystery

Scientists are mystified by the increasing number of deaths of hares in the British countryside from a disease resembling myxomatosis, which killed millions of rabbits in the 1950s. The agriculture ministry's veterinary investigation unit at Cambridge and zoologists at the Bristol university are carrying out joint research into the disease.

Actors talking

The deadlock between Equity and advertising agencies over actors' repeat fees, which threatened to halt the making of television commercials when the 1988 agreement expires on Friday, has been broken. Talks between the actors' union and the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising broke down in November, but they have agreed to reopen discussions to try to reach agreement by March 31.

Marines hurt

Three Royal Marines were injured in an IRA bomb blast in south Armagh yesterday, close to where a Roman Catholic man was shot dead by the regiment ten days ago. Police in Belfast said the Marines, who suffered cuts and bruises, were manning a vehicle check-point near the village of Cullyhanna when the bomb exploded. Twelve houses in the area were damaged.

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All set for wet noses and glossy coats

By BILL FROST

CRUFTS, the highlight of the canine social calendar, celebrates its centenary today at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, with a record number of entries. By the time the show closes on Saturday some 22,993 dogs will have been put through their paces.

For the first time the Parson Jack Russell terrier will be competing, having won recognition from the Kennel Club, which has organised the event since 1948. There is another newcomer in the Hamiltonstovare, a Swedish foxhound.

The most glittering prize, the silver trophy awarded to the dog judged best in show, carries extraordinary prestige and glory but little financial reward; there is £100 for the breeder and the cup must be returned.

Last year's best in show, a West Highland white terrier called Olac Moon Pilot, or Paddy for short, has bowed out this year at the grand old age of four. Derek Tattersall, his owner, is entering a West Highland Terrier bitch this year. Mr Tattersall always wears the same tie and jacket for luck when showing dogs, but Paddy was never subject to superstition or anxiety. "Ten minutes before he went in the ring last year he was fast asleep," Mr Tattersall said. Brenda White, whose bearded collie Cassie won Best in Show two years ago, charged £100 for interviews, £150 with photographs. She said she had to make some money simply to feed the animal. Winners may feature in television commercials but Independent Broadcasting Authority rules prevent payment. Only photographic expenses are met.

This year, as last, Crufts will be policed by security officers. Their presence is essential, given the fierce element of competition that has muscled into the event. There have been death threats against dogs and doping scandals.

In 1989 Carol Fox, the owner of a champion samoyed, said she had received anonymous calls demanding that she step out of the show ring. "They threatened the life of my dog and myself if I did not not get out of the ring," she said.

Charles Cruft, the founder's grandson, said he regretted the need for security men. This is a terrible sign of the times. Nevertheless, Crufts remains the greatest dog show in the world."

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South West Water is fined £10,000 over Camelford

By PETER VICTOR

SOUTH West Water Authority, which supplied 20,000 customers with water contaminated by aluminium sulphate last July, was yesterday convicted and fined £10,000 with £25,000 prosecution costs. The authority said last night that it planned to appeal against the verdict.

After a 17-day trial at Exeter crown court, the authority, now replaced by South West Water plc, was found guilty of causing a public nuisance by supplying water containing such quantities of aluminium sulphate that public health or comfort was endangered. The authority was acquitted on the judge's direction of allowing polluted water to enter the river Camel.

During the trial the jury was told that consumers telephoned in with complaints an hour after 20 tonnes of aluminium sulphate solution was pumped by mistake into a tank of treated water at the Lowermoor works by a relief delivery driver. Consumers complained about discoloured, contaminated water that tasted foul and metallic.

Francis Gilbert, for the prosecution, said the crux of the Crown case was the absence that night of Raymond Truscott, the authority's standby duty officer, who was at dog-training classes. Mr Truscott could not be contacted for three hours up to 11pm, which meant vital hours for dealing with the pollution and warning the public were lost. Gareth Williams, QC, for the defence, said Coca Cola was more acidic than the polluted water.

After the trial Elizabeth Sigmund, leader of the South West Environmental Protection Association, said she thought the verdict would help the 1,000 civil cases being prepared. The association has been campaigning for medical recognition of the health effects of the pollution.

One family said their lives had been changed by the incident and they now drank only bottled water. Wendy Hilliard, aged 40, a housewife, said: "It costs us up to £100 a month to buy." The family, which drank contaminated water on the day it was polluted, said they were still suffering the effects 30 months later. They said the water also damaged copper pipes in their home near New Polzeath, 17 miles from Camelford.

After 18 years without a day's sickness her husband, Paul, aged 40, a highways authority bridge inspector, had to give up work. The family said that as result of the pollution he had suffered memory loss, hair loss and skin and joint problems.

The couple and their daughters, Sarah, aged 17, Gemma, eight, and Amy-Kate, six, live on Mr Hilliard's invalidity benefit. Mrs Hilliard said Lisa, aged 21, their eldest daughter, was away from home but could not work and lived on state benefit.

On the day the water was contaminated Mrs Hilliard telephoned the authority, which said there was nothing wrong. "We boiled the water and drank it, and it made us very very ill." When she washed her hair most of her hair fell out and the rest stuck together, turning a shade of orange.

The next month Dr John Lawrence, a non-executive member of the authority's board, published a report on the incident which criticised the authority. Dr Lawrence, head of the ICI environmental laboratory at Brixham, Devon, said responsibility lay with the authority's operation and supervision of the Lowermoor works, and should never have happened. The criticisms were accepted by Keith Court, the authority's chairman.

The report said John Stephens, the chemical delivery driver, had mistakenly pumped 20 tonnes of aluminium sulphate solution into treated water at the authority's Lowermoor works. Mr Stephens had never been to the works and another driver had told him how to get there and where the aluminium sulphate tank was.

He arranged for the authority to be notified of late delivery but no one was there to meet him when he arrived. Before Mr Stephens had left the site at 5.45pm an automatic alarm sounded in the control room in Exeter, indicating something was wrong. Seventeen days after the incident the authority first admitted the mis-delivery.

Popular rival to Radio 3 seen as viable

By JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BIDDERS for the national commercial "non-pop" radio franchise, advertised today by the Radio Authority, hope to recreate the formula of popular classical music that is making profits for New York's WQXR station.

Applications for the eight-year FM national licence, likely to cost £8 million to £9 million, are due in April. The clutch of British consortia vying for the franchise draw optimism from New York, where even the most casual of classical music listeners cannot resist a bit parade of Mozart, Vivaldi and Beethoven provided by two commercial classical stations amid the din of countless rock, rap and pop channels. Some 900,000 car-bound commuters, personal stereo devotees and insomniacs tune to New York's highly successful WQXR classical radio station.

The new British FM licence now seems almost certain to be granted to a commercial alternative to BBC Radio 3.

Initial concerns that a national commercial classical channel would not be economically sustainable have proven unfounded, at least according to David Astor, chairman of Classic FM. "We would not even consider bidding unless we were confident it was a viable commercial venture, as our initial research indicates," he said. "There is terrific demand for a commercial classical station." Record shop sales of classical CDs and discs are enormous; opera houses are having to turn people away."

Classic FM's backers include Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, *The Daily Telegraph*, Tim Waterstone of the Waterstone book chain, André Previn, the music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and NM Rothschild merchant bank. The station would be much more accessible than



Astor: "Terrific demand for classical station"

Radio 3. "There would not be any Indian nose flute music and more Beethoven, Mozart, Strauss and Brahms," Mr Astor said.

Radio 3 is not too worried about competition from a commercial rival. A spokesman said: "It would not be commercially sustainable for any franchise winner to fund five orchestras, commit itself to broadcasting live concerts from all major orchestras, opera houses and festivals and act as a patron to contemporary composers — as the BBC does. Where we broadcast music from an 800-year period, any commercial classical station is likely to restrict itself to the 200-year period from Baroque to late Romanticism at the turn of the century. There is no doubt there will be an audience for this."

Indeed, broadcasting familiar tunes has proved the best way for the 24-hour-a-day WQXR to attract enough listeners to stay in business.

Thomas Bartunek, the station's programme director, said: "If we put on a piece of music that only three people in the world want to hear, then they are better served and the world is better served by letting them listen on cassette tapes. I do not see any reason to apologise for playing Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn and 50 to 60 other composers that get on the air." But that, he admitted, meant little or no Schoenberg.

WQXR has to conform to certain commercial constraints. Each hour the station airs six to ten minutes of advertisements, clustered together once an hour with news bulletins. That forces the station to use shorter pieces, although it avoids playing highlights. Only at lunchtime is there a completely advertisement-free hour of music. Sponsorship, however, allows the station to escape the need for disruptive commercial breaks, with the German airline Lufthansa financing an hour-long programme, and BP America paying the bill for live broadcasts of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra.

Classic FM, which last year narrowly lost out to Jazz FM for the London incremental licence, is considered the favourite to win the 99.8 to 102 FM national waveband. It will face stiff competition, however, from Lord Hanson, owner of London's easy listening station Melody Radio, and others keen on a mix of easy listening and light classical.

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Peat bogs could help beat water pollution

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE brown coal mines of Britain and the peat bogs of Northern Ireland could help to clean water supplies of hazardous heavy metals, delegates will be told at the annual conference of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, opening in Cambridge today.

Researchers at Queen's university, Belfast, have tested the ability of lignite, and sphagnum peat moss, dug from local bogs, to absorb the heavy metals discharged into water courses by the metal processing, chemical, printing, and nuclear industries.

The team found that the natural materials can remove all of the hazardous metals at a fraction of the cost of rival systems that use activated carbon or special resins systems.

The findings also indicate that the metals absorbed by the peat and lignite, brown coal that contains remains of trees, can be recovered cost-effectively and recycled. Stephen Allen, a member of the team, said that the materials could be tailor-made for specific heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, copper, zinc and aluminium. He said that some of the used peat and lignite should also be suitable as fuel.

Dr Allen said that the amount of material needed was unlikely to put environmental strain on peat bogs. National reserves of brown coal are 1,000 million tonnes.

Architects 'expecting less work'

ARCHITECTS are increasingly gloomy about the effects of the recession on the construction industry, with nearly half expecting less work over the next year, according to a report published yesterday (Chris Warman writes).

The latest workload survey published by the Royal Institute of British Architects with Camargue Communications analyses figures for the third quarter of 1990, taken from a sample of one in four practices throughout the UK. The survey shows that the decline in architects' workloads — a key indicator of the health of the construction industry — is continuing.

New commissions for non-housing work in the private sector fell by 11 per cent during the quarter, and the value of work on architects' books has fallen by an average 52 per cent compared with the same quarter in 1989. The institute also said that work on production drawings has decreased throughout the UK.

Although the housing market remains depressed, the survey found architects' workloads are "bottoming out".

STEPHEN MARKESON



Twin peaks: last-minute touches under an extravagant Cleopatra's head-dress before the opening yesterday of an exhibition of Gianni Versace's opera and ballet costumes at the Royal College of Art, London. It runs until Friday, next week.

Girl held by police over baby death

A schoolgirl was being questioned by police yesterday after a baby, aged 18 months, was found dead in his cot at his home in Blyth, Northumberland, on Sunday night.

The body of Sean Graham was discovered by his mother Karen, aged 22, when she returned home after leaving her son with babysitters.

Man jailed for fake tours

A travel agent was jailed for tricking German students into paying for a fictitious tour of England, including dinner with a "peer" at his "castle".

Paul Ndekwe, aged 27, of Marylebone, central London, pleaded guilty to dishonestly obtaining about £700 by deception. He was jailed for nine months, with six months suspended, and ordered to pay £700 compensation.

Meningitis death

A baby aged three months died of meningitis yesterday morning, hours after being admitted to Leighton hospital, Crewe. The boy is the fourth youngster to have died from the disease in Cheshire in three weeks. County health chiefs say the deaths are unconnected.

House stabbing

A former High Sheriff of Bedfordshire was stabbed yesterday morning after he disturbed burglars at his home in Luton. Bill Powers, aged 66, underwent surgery at Luton and Dunstable hospital but is not in a serious condition.

Water needs

Lincolnshire needs at least ten inches of rain by April if it is to avoid a summer drought, the National Rivers Authority said yesterday, the same day as Bristol Water Company lifted its hosepipe ban.

Police stress

Dyfed Powys police authority has recruited Relate counsellors to treat policemen suffering from stress after six officers resigned last year from stress-related illnesses.

Driller killed

Philip Knight, aged 56, of Keinton Mandeville, Somerset, was killed yesterday after being entangled in drilling equipment while working on a landfill site at Willenhall, West Midlands.

Lost millionaire

Irish Lottery officials are trying to trace a £1 million jackpot winner who, they believe, may be in the Irish Republic. The winning ticket — 11,14,24,32,34,35 — was bought an hour before the draw near Ballybofey, Co Donegal.

Minister wants trainees to bear greater share of cost

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government will today clearly indicate that individuals ought to be responsible for their own training, in addition to training provided by the state and by employers.

The government's move, suggested in confidential documents prepared for today's quarterly meeting of the National Economic Development Council, will be supported by employers, but it is likely to be criticised by unions and some training agencies as a further move from state-provided training.

At present, individuals and the government spend roughly equal sums on training, with employers providing about as much as the two other sources combined. However, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, in the employment department's unpublished paper for today's meeting of the NEDC, the forum bringing together representatives of government, industry and unions to discuss the economy, is promoting the idea that individuals' contributions to their own training should be increased.

The government's system of training credits, under which young people will "spend" vouchers on training, is part of this thinking, and, the Confederation of British Industry, in its confidential paper to the NEDC, says that there is promising scope for extending the principle to some adults, especially those now in higher education.

As part of that, the CBI suggests incentives for individuals' training, including a £1,000 personal tax allowance for study towards a nationally-recognised qualification.

The CBI says that because of recession, "1991 will be a difficult year in which to promote investment in people". The employers say that unlike in the last recession, when training budgets were among the first to go, lowered staffing levels have reduced the need to cut training to contain costs, but that "funding will only be available where the contribution of training to better performance can be demonstrated".

The TUC, in its NEDC document, advocates a new training strategy to remedy the under-training of the British workforce. It calls for rights to training for all employees, a strategic National Training Authority, legally-established workplace training committees and more representative and active versions of the government's training and enterprise councils.

Arts Council blamed for theatre's plight

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the oldest repertory theatres in Britain, Liverpool Playhouse, has been brought to the brink of collapse as a result of the Arts Council's funding policy, its administrative director said yesterday.

The High Court has appointed an administrator to try to rescue the theatre, which owes £600,000. "One must question the validity of an Arts Council policy — dedicated to encouraging the arts — whose insistence on parity with local authority funding leads us to this," John Stalker said.

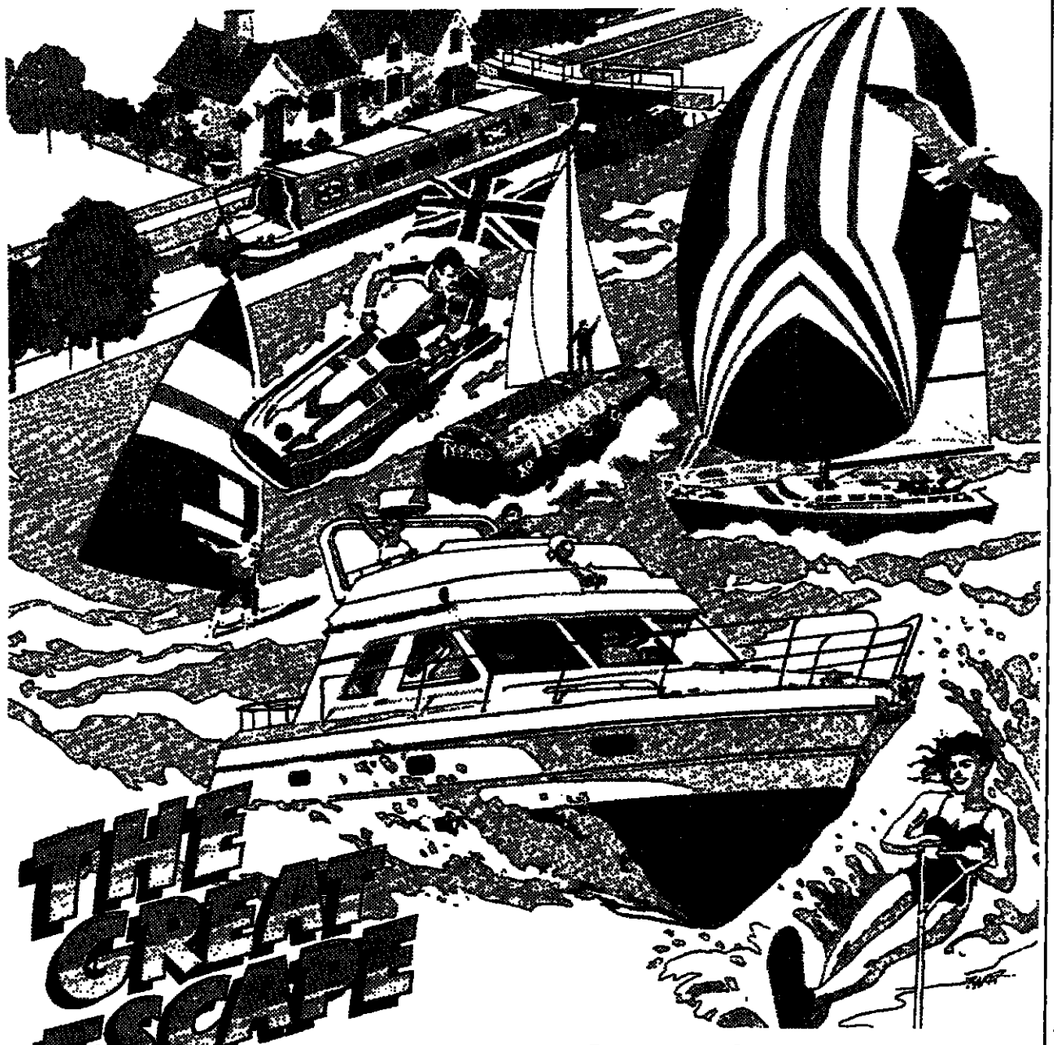
Anthony Everitt, secretary-general of the Arts Council, said it was "particularly regrettable that this should have happened when constructive discussions are taking place with Liverpool city council". Frank Taylor, the insolvency expert who rescued Tranmere Rovers from receivership in 1987, has three months to save the theatre.

The biggest creditor is the National Westminster Bank, which is owed £575,000. "The bank have been very supportive but have told us that with this kind of debt we are effectively insolvent," Mr Stalker said.

The Arts Council's grant to the theatre, which is due to celebrate its eightieth anniversary in April, has been cut by £218,000 since 1988. The council was due to reduce the grant even more next year but it decided to wait while negotiations with the city council continued. The council gives the theatre £527,300, and £88,000 is provided by local authorities, including £30,000 from the city council.

When David Mellor, then arts minister, announced next year's arts budget two months ago, he singled out Liverpool for criticism. His successor, Tim Renton, has called on local authorities to fund the arts more generously. Mr Stalker said, however, that there had been no effective arts funding policy in Liverpool since the Merseyside metropolitan council was abolished in 1986.

"We are only the first of a number of theatres facing this situation," he said. "Bristol, Sheffield and Newcastle cannot be far behind. Regional theatre feels extremely let down by the Arts Council and there is not a major city in England that isn't affected."



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Moment of truth nears for troubled Pravda and Le Monde

Bruce Clark in Moscow and Philip Jacobson in Paris examine the problems facing two of the most renowned and influential newspapers in Europe

TWO of the world's most famous newspapers were in difficulties yesterday, with *Pravda* facing bankruptcy and the great French institution, *Le Monde*, at the pinnacle of a power struggle.

In Moscow, *Pravda* could go bankrupt within six months, while leading Soviet magazines face closure as the cost of paper rockets and the foreign exchange reserves dry up.

The grim picture emerged yesterday at a news conference held by the Soviet state's top producers, distributors and consumers of paper, who at times could barely maintain a facade of politeness to one another.

Between them they told a story of chaos and dislocation. The warning of financial failure for *Pravda* and the other leading dailies in its stable came from Vyacheslav Leontyev, director of the Communist Party's newspaper publishing division. He said bankruptcy was inevitable by June or July unless the paper price, deregulated since October, was limited to 800 roubles (£800) per metric ton. Suppliers were now demanding 1,300 or even 1,700 roubles.

In Paris, meanwhile, an end to the protracted power struggle at *Le Monde* was in sight last night as the 275 journalists with shares in France's most influential newspaper voted on another nomination for the post of director.

Failure to deliver a sufficient majority for Jacques Lesourne, aged 62, an economist and computer consultant, would deal a severe blow to staff morale, as the standard-bearer of French quality journalism prepares for a particularly hard year.

The recent decision of *Le Monde's* immensely respected director, André Fontaine, to stand down brought into focus the cherished right of editorial staff to nominate their own man — a woman director, one imagines, is not yet a serious proposition in Rue Falguière — or to reject the choice of other shareholders.

It seemed plain sailing at first, with M Fontaine's chosen successor, the managing editor, Daniel Vernet, beating off the challenge of two senior colleagues to secure the support of journalist shareholders and their 32.3 per cent stake in the newspaper. Because M Fontaine and other editorial executives control another 16 per cent of the shares, M Vernet could surely look forward to victory.

But that was counting without the growing concern of the non-journalist shareholders about a looming financial crisis that they felt demands more professional management. Despite turning an operating profit of about £5 million last year on daily sales of about 400,000, *Le Monde* dropped seriously into the red. A troubled move to a new printing plant in what its loftier Parisian readers would consider the wilds of suburbia and the early impact of a projected slump in advertising revenue did most of the damage.

When M Vernet came up for formal consideration a month ago, he fell well short of the 75 per cent overall support required. While many of the journalists complained, there was grudging recognition that preserving *Le Monde's* traditions of independence from government influence — most of the time — and an editorial style that makes few concessions to "readability" will require a more stable financial structure in the tough times ahead.

For M Lesourne, head-hunted by *Le Monde's* management after a trawl through top business circles, the most immediate challenge was to convince journalists that he would maintain the qualities that made the newspaper an essential prop for intellectuals.

In Moscow, meanwhile, closure is facing periodicals ranging from *Ogonyok*, the trail-blazing liberal weekly, to more staid titles like *Working Peasant Woman*.

These publications, which only by Soviet standards could be described as glossy, rely on imported newsprint, dyes and printing equipment for which the necessary hard currency is no longer available.

Igor Sankin, deputy minister for the wood and pulp industry, explained that if soaring paper costs represented one end of a chain, plunging supplies of timber marked the beginning.

The wood shortage threatened to disrupt coal mining and the railways as well as the paper industry, Mr Sankin warned.

Challenge to Soviet defence bill sharpens budget clash

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev had a three-hour meeting with the Russian Federation leader, Boris Yeltsin, yesterday in a fresh attempt to reach agreement on a central Soviet budget for 1991.

The meeting took place as parliamentary deputies, assembling for the first time since the new year break, challenged projected defence spending for 1991. This shows an increase of more than one-quarter in rouble spending, compared with 1990.

At dispute between Russia and the central Soviet authorities is 27 billion roubles (£27 billion), or a quarter of the republic's total contribution as requested by the centre.

Last Friday it emerged that Russia had agreed to pay more than 50 billion roubles on top of its first offer of 23.4 billion roubles, in return for changes in the structure of payments. These include acknowledgement of the Russian government's right to dispose of most internal tax revenues raised on the territory of the Russian Federation.

The rethinking necessitated by Russia's rebellion on the central budget became apparent yesterday, when the Soviet parliament received provisional figures for next year. They include a sharp decrease in central revenue from a tax on enterprise profits, and the introduction of a new category: republic contributions to national programmes.

The figure of 96 billion roubles given for defence spending in 1991 prompted difficult questions for Viktor Kucherenko, the chairman of the budget commission. The first problem was the shaving of only two billion from a total which parliament had queried as excessive on the first reading of the budget bill last month.

How was it, several deputies asked, that the Soviet Union was claiming a reduction in defence spending of 15 per cent when the figures showed a large increase — from 77 to 96 billion roubles?

Mr Kucherenko said the 1991 figure was equivalent to 70 billion roubles in old pricing; the increase amounted to indexation. He did not explain why military spending should be indexed differently from all other spending.

Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, retired Soviet chief of general staff and now a military adviser to President Gorbachev, then walked to the rostrum and offered parliament a full breakdown of the military budget. This did not calm some deputies.

Parliament, one said, should have the right to review defence spending, as the US Congress did. "The budget committee is not competent to review military expenditure," Mr Kucherenko responded.



Akhromeyev: speech failed to convince deputies



Crowd control: Marie Joseph, aged 19, is shielded from an angry mob of demonstrators by a burly Miami policeman after she had announced, in the city's Little Haiti district, that she supported the Haitian coup leader, Roger Lafontant. They had stripped her of her blouse and attacked with bottles and broken glass. In Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, the death toll in the coup attempt reached at least 40 yesterday (Reuter reports). Some of the dead were Tontons Macoute, the Duvalier regime's secret police, and others were supporters of Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who takes over as president next month after victory in last month's elections. The coup attempt lasted only about nine hours, until the military stormed the presidential palace, where Dr Lafontant, an interior minister under Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, had taken control. Army leaders said he would face civilian trial.

£1bn cash printed by Serbia to pay debts

From Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade

THE Yugoslav government has accused Serbia of undermining the country's monetary system and jeopardising the federal programme of economic reforms after it emerged that the republic illegally printed currency with a face value of almost £1 billion to prop up its bankrupt economy.

The fraud, the biggest Yugoslav financial scandal in recent years, has occurred as Belgrade tries desperately to impose strict monetary controls. Irregularities were discovered last week when Yugoslav federal bank officials gave a warning to Ante Markovic, the Yugoslav prime minister, that Serbia had borrowed 2.6 billion German marks. The discovery has provoked uproar in the other five republics, with Serbia accused of "plundering the common federal kitty". The revelations have reinforced suspicions that Serbia was assisted by someone in the federal bank, since the republic "borrowed" the money in secret. The amount was half the sum allocated by the bank for all of Yugoslavia this year.

The money appears to have been spent in Serbia on salaries in bankrupt industries, paying peasants for farm produce, and financing pensions — attempts to buy peace and votes as Serbia increased salaries on the eve of last month's elections. Though this policy has given temporary respite, the outlook is for a disastrous new period of inflation and falling living standards nationally.

ANC urges all-party talks on constitution

From Gavin Bell in Johannesburg

A YEAR ago Nelson Mandela was an enigmatic figure observing the first cracks in apartheid from the shadows of a prison warder's house in the western Cape. Today he is the foreman of a black nationalist demolition crew determined to finish the job before another year passes.

The remarkable transformation in the fortunes of Mr Mandela and the African National Congress was apparent at a press conference yesterday marking the seventy-ninth anniversary of the founding of the organisation.

Far from the impotent railing against white supremacy of the past, the talk was of all-party conferences, constituent assemblies and other mechanisms for achieving non-racial democracy.

Traces of revolutionary rhetoric persisted in a statement by the ANC national executive, which described the reform process as a victory for the oppressed masses in a heroic struggle against the tyranny of apartheid.

That said, the statement reaffirmed the commitment of the ANC to negotiations with a broad spectrum of constituencies, and proposed an all-party congress to draw up a framework for drafting a new constitution and for governing the country during the transition period. The idea of a multiparty forum accords with government plans and appears to be an attempt to wrest the initiative from Pretoria, but at least both sides are moving in the same direction. Mr Mandela, comfortable in his new role as elder statesman, indicated willingness to discuss who should chair the congress. "That question is to be negotiated, but in many respects our ideas are similar," he declared.

Arguably the most telling feature of the press conference, however, was Mr Mandela's demeanour. Despite sharp exchanges with Pretoria in recent months, he appeared relaxed and optimistic about reaching a settlement.

Mr Mandela also announced that Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, was prepared to meet Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the leader of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom party, to discuss ways of ending chronic violence between supporters of the two organisations. It remains to be seen whether that will satisfy Chief Buthelezi, who has been insisting on meeting Mr Mandela.

The Zulu leader expressed reservations yesterday about the ANC's terms for an all-party congress, describing them as a step towards "winner-takes-all" power.

Chief Buthelezi said that his party favoured a broad-based conference, but it opposed ANC demands for a constituent assembly and an interim government. "The ANC sees itself as being the major player in this assembly, and thereafter in the interim government it proposes ... is this democracy at work?"

Evacuation flights to Mogadishu stop

From Agence France-Presse in Nairobi

FIGHTING in Somalia between rebels and government troops halted the evacuation of foreigners from Mogadishu, the capital, yesterday, where President Siad Barre's regime appears doomed. Rescue flights from the Kenyan port of Mombasa by two Italian Hercules C130 transport planes, which evacuated 248 people on Monday, were called off yesterday. They were to try again today.

A French naval vessel off the Somali coast managed to take aboard 47 foreigners, diplomats said. Around 100 foreigners remained in the capital. The rebels claimed on Monday that they controlled most of Mogadishu and that victory was only hours away. But government forces were still holding the airport, the port and the president's official residence, according to Renato Volpini, the Italian ambassador in Nairobi, who is in regular contact with his colleague in Mogadishu.

Abdullahi Daib, a Somali businessman who flew out on Monday, said government troops had ransacked the American embassy in Mogadishu after it was evacuated. A state department spokesman in Washington said attackers had used rocket-propelled grenades. Mr Diab said corpses were lying in the streets, and families were fleeing on foot.

Silver lining to rise in German jobless

Bonn — The number of unemployed in both parts of Germany rose last month as more people from the east "commuted" to work across the old internal border, competing for jobs at lower wages than workers in the west have grown to expect (Ian Murray writes).

Nevertheless, the figures showed that average unemployment in the west over the whole of last year stayed below two million for the first time since 1982 and that there are now more people at work than ever before.

In the east, despite the expected rapid growth in the dole queues, about 124,000 new jobs have been created since the economies of the old East and West Germanies were merged in July. The number out of work in the west grew by more than 100,000 during December to a total of 1,784,000, or 6.8 per cent.

Food aid arrives

Nairobi — A United Nations ship carrying food for northern Ethiopia has arrived safely in the Eritrean rebel-held port of Massawa in the first phase of a plan to reopen a vital famine relief route to save the lives of four million people hit by drought. *(Reuter)*

Ashes released

Warsaw — The United States state department has allowed the return of the ashes of the statesman and pianist, Ignacy Paderewski, to Poland. Paderewski died while touring America in June 1941. His will expressed his wish that he be buried only in a free Poland. *(AP)*

More charges

Dhaka — Hussain Muhammad Ershad, the former Bangladesh president already charged with possessing illegal firearms, now faces charges of embezzling state funds and amassing wealth disproportionate to his known income.

Peking travel lure

Peking — China's capital has proclaimed 1992 a "golden year of travel" to try to win back tourists who went elsewhere after the bloody suppression of pro-democracy protests in 1989. *(Reuter)*

Peasants march to halt Gujarat dam

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

More than 5,000 peasants and tribal Indians have reached the eastern state of Gujarat after a long protest march against a huge dam project that many believe will become one of India's greatest planned environmental disasters.

Headed by a sickly group of hunger strikers, the demonstrators have been met on the Gujarat-Madhya Pradesh border by thousands of armed police dispatched by the Gujarat state government. Despite opposition by environmental groups in India, Britain, the United States and Japan, the project is forging ahead with substantial aid from the World Bank.

The demonstrators have been marching for the past week in bitter cold to the sound of flutes, drums and conch shells. Under the restive gaze of police they are chanting slogans and singing songs against further construction of the 460ft-high dam across the Narmada river. This will be the biggest of two huge dams on the Narmada which, together with some smaller dams, will constitute the Sardar Sarovar project, one of the world's biggest water schemes.

A Narmada dam was first mooted in 1947, but the final go-ahead came only three years ago in a seemingly hurried decision by Rajiv Gandhi, then prime minister. Many ministers of the present government say privately that it will be an environmental catastrophe, involving a massive upheaval of people and the destruction of millions of trees and hundreds of sizeable villages.

Maneka Gandhi, minister of state for the environment and India's leading Green, called the project a defeat for India. But she held out no prospect of ending work on the dam, which is already well advanced, saying the biggest challenge now was to minimise the damage and ensure the proper rehabilitation of people affected.

More than 250,000 acres of land, mostly in Madhya Pradesh, will be submerged. Nearly half of it is covered by forest. An estimated 300,000 tribal people will have to move.

Proponents claim the scheme will irrigate about four million acres of barren land in eastern Madhya Pradesh and northern Gujarat, as well as generate enough power to increase electricity supplies significantly in several states. Electrification of villages is a big vote-catcher, which is doubtless why the Gujarat state government supports the Narmada project so unreservedly. But many environmental groups in India and abroad have challenged the official estimates of the dam's supposed benefits.

While an army of men and machinery continue work on the project, the environment ministry in Delhi is preparing new appraisal reports on the dam's impact. Mrs Gandhi said the scheme was opposed by the ministry's scientists and its appraisal committee. She expressed exasperation that despite high-level opposition, the project was continuing. "It is symptomatic of so many things that happen in this country," she said.

Rumours have spread in recent days that the government would suspend work on the dam pending further studies. Chimanbhai Patel, the Gujarat chief minister, said he had personally contacted Chandra Shekhar, the prime minister, and had been told that the reports were incorrect. "The stage for reviews has long since passed," he added.

He claimed that 7,000 villages — 2,000 more than previous estimates — would get water from the project. He defended the use of police to halt the protest march.

Gujarat had already invested 10,000 million rupees (£294 million) and the project was being monitored by the World Bank.

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Brave show of solidarity as Baker meets Mitterrand

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

IN A brave effort to reassert the unity and common purpose of French and American diplomacy, the two sides declared solidarity over their objectives in the Gulf yesterday.

After 90 minutes of talks with President Mitterrand at the Elysée Palace, James Baker, the American Secretary of State, told journalists of "absolute, total and complete agreement" between the two governments.

Clearly responding to persistent reports of fundamental differences with France over Gulf policy, Mr Baker said that his discussions with M Mitterrand and the French foreign minister, Roland Dumas, had been extremely helpful "and hopefully productive".

Both governments were fully agreed that there could be no negotiations with Iraq, Mr Baker added, also offering the view that there could be no question of establishing any link between Baghdad's immediate and unconditional retreat from Kuwait and "other questions".

Since French strategy appears to be to offer President Saddam Hussein the plum of "linkage" between Iraqi withdrawal and an eventual international conference on wider Middle East issues — above all, the Palestinian question — M Dumas's response was awaited with interest. Pointing out that France has long favoured such a conference, he emphasised that the "respective positions" of France and America on the matter in no way detracted from their present solidarity in the Gulf.

With that, Mr Baker hurried off for a final round of whistle-stop diplomacy in Italy and Germany before today's meeting with Tariq Aziz in Geneva.

Despite a bravura effort to smooth over the present differences with France, some observers felt that, for all the reassuring talk of unity, he had not been utterly convincing.

That impression was strengthened by yesterday's pointed observations from the French parliamentarian, Michel Vauzelle, whose "independent" trip to see Saddam in Baghdad last weekend is generally considered to have been an Elysée-sponsored mission. If there is no progress in the American-Iraqi talks in Geneva, he argued, a "Franco-Arab" peace intiative should be undertaken.

With the weight of his lengthy discussions with Saddam behind him, M Vauzelle maintained that it was essential to discover whether the Iraqis consider Kuwait to be a bargaining counter or territory to be held for ever. "We must not go to war without being absolutely certain that every possible solution has been explored."

M Vauzelle, a trusted confidant of M Mitterrand, also touched on aspects of French policy that senior officials in Paris believe are still misunderstood — or misrepresented — in America and Britain.

"France", he said, "has maintained an impeccable attitude in this crisis since it began. Having condemned Iraq, it then sent troops to give teeth to that policy ... France has the right to use its diplomatic influence in an effort to find a peaceful solution, right up to January 15."

In private, French officials argue that Britain's apparent willingness to follow every American lead on Gulf strategy has distorted



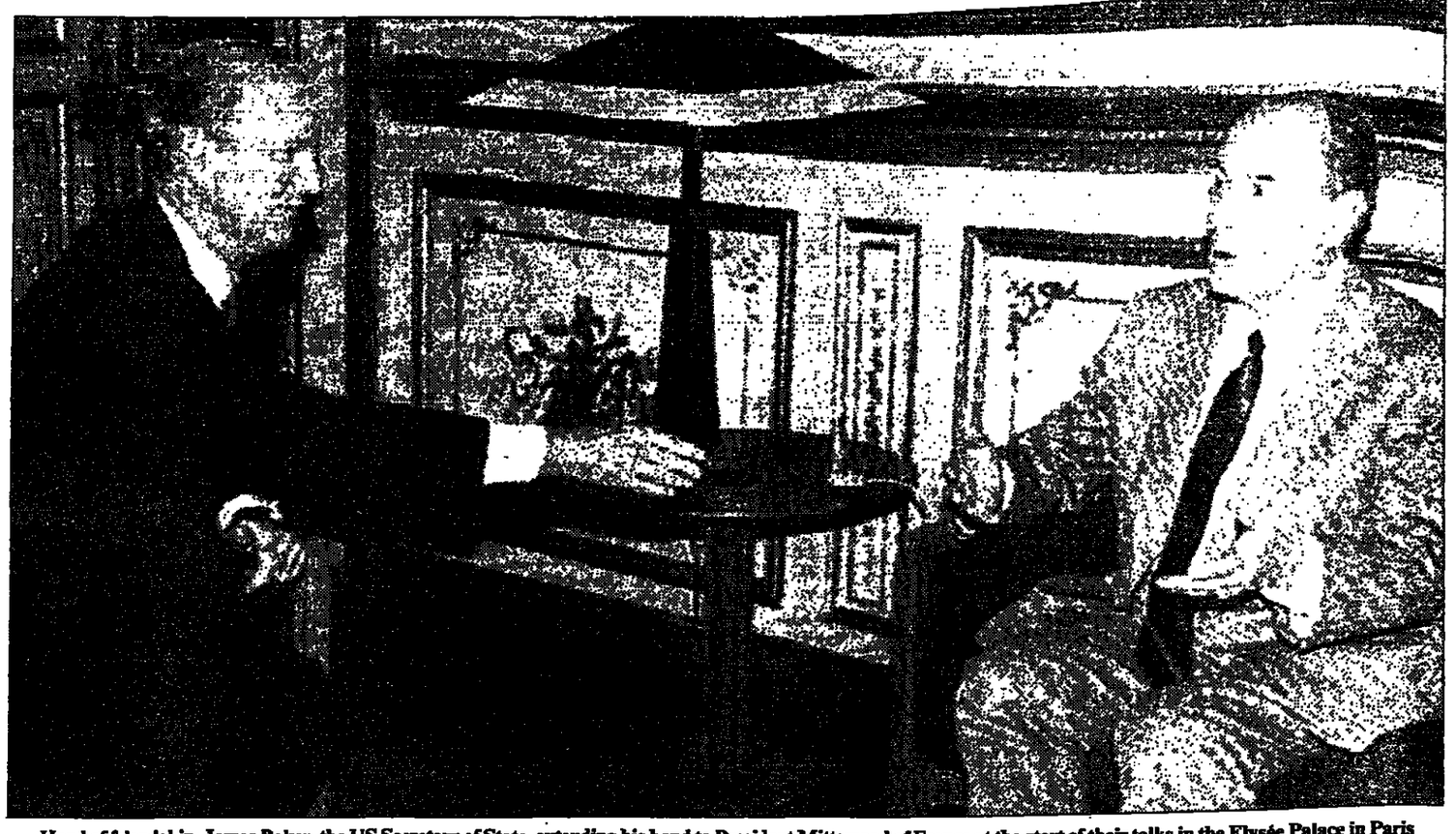
Dumas: spoke of differences, but put emphasis on unity

the response of the European Community to the affair. From the start, they say, France made clear its view that the United Nations and not the Bush administration should be the engine of the international community's approach.

Nothing better sums up that attitude, combining recent history and Gallic self-esteem, than M Mitterrand's barbed comment before Mr Baker's latest visit. "I respect Mr Bush, but I do not feel myself to be in the position of a second-class private obliged to obey his commander-in-chief."

● **Peace pledge:** The prime minister, Michel Rocard, said yesterday that no country had worked harder for peace than France, and that no country continued to seek peace with more energy. In a rare public statement on the Gulf confrontation, M Rocard added: "We will continue to do everything in our power to prevent violence being unleashed".

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Hand of friendship: James Baker, the US Secretary of State, extending his hand to President Mitterrand of France at the start of their talks in the Elysée Palace in Paris yesterday. They discussed the chances of a peaceful solution to the Gulf confrontation before Mr Baker's meeting with the Iraqi foreign minister in Geneva today

Concessions are there to be taken despite the fiery words of war

Against a background of unremitting determination not to budge, how can Gulf compromise be achieved? **Michael Evans**, Defence Correspondent, examines options

THE rhetoric of the two sides in the lead-up to today's meeting in Geneva between James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, would appear to shut the door on any thought of a compromise to prevent a war.

How can Mr Baker offer concessions to Baghdad when the United States is committed, like the other members of the UN Security Council, to a total, uncompromising withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait? And how can President Saddam Hussein be seen to back down in Geneva when he has stated to the world that he will never leave Kuwait?

In recent weeks, as the American force levels have increased to 430,000 and the Iraqi military presence in Kuwait and southern Iraq has risen to more than 500,000, the focus of attention has inevitably switched to the likelihood of a war. Brinkmanship on the scale practised by Saddam leaves litle room for talk of compromise and diplomacy.

Yet even Saddam, with his ambitions of leading the Arab world like some modern-day emperor, must have concluded that the war option will not give him what he wants. He does not need Mr Baker to tell him that an attack by American and allied forces will destroy him, his regime and his military arsenal.

This is why it should be possible to build on the concessions already "on the landscape", as one senior American diplomat put it, to produce a peaceful formula. But, first, the Iraqis must withdraw from Kuwait.

Although it has been forgotten in all the talk of war, the Americans made it clear some time ago that they would not attack Iraq if troops were withdrawn from Kuwait; that negotiations could then be held between Kuwait and Iraq on Baghdad's territorial claims, including the Gulf islands of Bubiyan and Warbah; and that after an Iraqi withdrawal, the Palestinian issue could be addressed "expeditiously and effectively", including the setting up of a Middle East conference at an appropriate time. Judging from accounts given by some of the senior foreign envoys who have seen Saddam in recent weeks, he privately wishes to avoid war, in spite of his persistently bellicose public statements. But he is afraid he will lose too much face if he orders his troops out of Kuwait, merely on the vague promise that negotiations could follow on leasing or buying the two Gulf islands and that the Palestinian question could be given more priority by the international community at some time in the near future.

The Iraqi leader undoubtedly would also want Kuwait to forget about a multi-billion-dollar debt incurred during the Iran-Iraq war and any reparation for the plundering of the country by Iraqi soldiers. Reconstruction of Kuwait could cost as much as $40 billion (£21 billion), according to some Kuwaiti officials. Kuwait's Crown Prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad al-Sabah, has insisted that the international economic embargo should not be lifted until Iraq pays damages for plundering the emirate.

The issue of Iraq's access to the Gulf via the islands of Bubiyan and Warbah is probably critical to any diplomatic solution. But could Kuwait, the other Gulf states and Iran, let alone Washington, be happy to allow Iraq to boost its maritime power? The Iraqis are already developing the barren Bubiyan island. A causeway is being built to the mainland in the north.

Control of Bubiyan and Warbah was one of several issues Iraq raised with Kuwait in angry discussions in the months leading up to the August 2 invasion, as well as the dispute over drilling rights in Kuwait's Rumaila oilfield, which straddles the border between Iraq and Kuwait.

Saddam would probably go along with the return of the emir and his government to Kuwait, if he could get his hands on Bubiyan. For the island commands Kuwait City, giving the Iraqis effective military control of the country unless there are very restrictive conditions under which Baghdad is allowed to lease Bubiyan.

If the Geneva meeting or subsequent diplomatic efforts persuade Saddam to withdraw, there are some crucial, additional concessions which will be demanded from Iraq, the principal one concerning the country's nuclear weapons programme.

The present international safeguards, agreed under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, are not sufficiently embracing to forestall Baghdad's nuclear ambitions. A proposal is now under discussion to create a special regional inspection regime that would not focus only on Iraq but would have to include all countries in the Middle East. Since Israel would have to be part of this mutual inspection process, the proposed framework is likely to meet stiff opposition.



Aziz: handicapped by his master's brinkmanship

Flexibility is key to attack as clock ticks towards deadline

By MICHAEL EVANS

DEADLINES now play a vital part in the Gulf confrontation: the January 15 deadline imposed by the United Nations Security Council for the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait, the deadlines for the operational readiness of allied forces, and even weather deadlines.

The objective of Washington in persuading its coalition of allies to support the inclusion of a deadline in the last UN security council resolution, implicitly sanctioning the use of force, was to compel President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to make up his mind. Did he want a war, or would he instead settle for peace?

The deadline has publicly failed so far to move the Iraqi leader. His rhetoric has become, if anything, even more warlike. But it has succeeded in concentrating the minds of the allied forces lined up against Iraq.

The military units in the Gulf, especially the Americans, British, Saudis and Kuwaitis, have always accepted that the Iraqis would have to be forced out of Kuwait.

But until the deadline of January 15 was agreed by the security council, there was no clear guidance on when an offensive might be launched. In the early stages of the build-up, it was linked in military minds to weather conditions or religious festivals.

No one expected an attack to be ordered during the Islamic fasting period of Ramadan, for example, or in June when Muslims arrive from countries all over the world to make their pilgrimage to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

Until the decision by President Bush to reinforce the American military presence in the Gulf with another 150,000 troops, mid-November was the favourite date for an allied offensive.

Now, because of changing assessments of Iraqi capabilities and concern among American commanders that a land offensive could not be launched until the ratio of allied forces to Iraqi units had changed dramatically, even the January 15 deadline cannot be seen as the signal for an imminent offensive.

In spite of reassuring comments over the weekend from General Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the American forces in the Gulf, that his troops were ready for an attack, it appears that the US army and naval reinforcements will not all be combat-ready until next month. An attack is therefore more likely before the end of February, not in the final two weeks of January after the UN deadline.

If, therefore, Saddam decided to begin withdrawing his troops at the end of this month, there is every likelihood that an allied offensive would be put on hold, and finally abandoned if every Iraqi soldier returned home.

The January 15 deadline was a diplomatic ultimatum, not a clarion call for war. However, if Saddam is to be convinced that the deadline is also a warning, allied forces ahead will need to make a number of highly provocative moves in the next weeks, including the positioning of units closer to the Kuwaiti border and an intensification of offensive training.

As General Schwarzkopf's personal deadline for war approaches, the Americans will also be expected to mount a psychological operation, calling on Iraqi troops to surrender before the outbreak of war.

Twelve UN steps to use of force

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Security Council has adopted 12 resolutions against Iraq since the invasion of Kuwait on August 2, culminating in approval of the use of force if there is no Iraqi withdrawal by January 15:

☐ **August 2, resolution 660** The 15-nation council condemned the invasion and demanded that Baghdad withdraw its forces and begin negotiations.

☐ **August 6, resolution 661** An embargo was imposed on all trade with Iraq except for medicine and humanitarian food supplies.

☐ **August 9, resolution 662** The council voted unanimously to declare Iraq's purported annexation of Kuwait null and void.

☐ **August 18, resolution 664** A further unanimous vote to demand that Iraq allow all foreigners to leave Iraq and Kuwait and rescind its order to close diplomatic missions in Kuwait.

☐ **August 25, resolution 665** The council authorised member states to impose a naval blockade on Iraq and Kuwait by using "measures commensurate to the specific circumstances" to ensure compliance with sanctions.

☐ **September 13, resolution 666** Pressed by India, the council authorised humanitarian food shipments but only if they were distributed through international aid agencies.

☐ **September 16, resolution 667** The council unanimously condemned Iraqi raids on diplomatic premises in Kuwait.

☐ **September 24, resolution 669** A unanimous council vote entrusted its sanctions committee with making recommendations on economic assistance to other nations affected by the embargo.

☐ **September 25, resolution 670** The council banned all cargo flights to Iraq except those exempt under UN sanctions, and called on states to detain Iraqi-flagged ships which had been breaking sanctions when they entered port.

☐ **October 29, resolution 674** The security council demanded that Iraq desist from taking hostages and oppressing Kuwait. It asked states to document such evidence, and the UN secretary-general to undertake peace efforts.

☐ **November 28, resolution 677** The council asked the secretary-general to keep safe a smuggled copy of Kuwait's pre-invasion population register.

☐ **November 29, resolution 678** Approval was given by the council for "use of all necessary means" to drive Iraq from Kuwait if it failed to withdraw by January 15.

Bonn urges US to find diplomatic solution

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

IN TOP-level meetings here yesterday, James Baker, the American Secretary of State, was urged to seek a peaceful solution to the Gulf conflict when he sees Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, in Geneva today.

Both Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, told him that while Bonn fully supported United Nations resolutions calling for Iraq to leave Kuwait, they believed that diplomacy rather than force was the better way of achieving this.

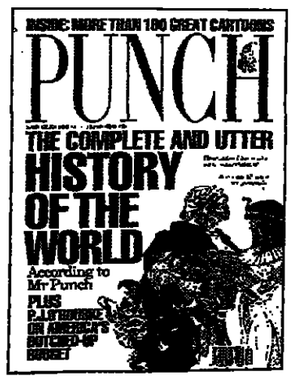
The Geneva meeting was "the last, best chance for a peaceful solution", Mr Baker told them. "Naturally we all want a peaceful political solution before midnight on January 15."

While sticking to the date laid down by the UN for an Iraqi withdrawal, Mr Baker said there would not be a war automatically when the deadline was reached. The UN resolution said that force was allowed after that date, but it was not compulsory. His reassurances that war was not inevitable were aimed at a German audience. There is no popular support for the use of force, particularly now that Luftwaffe jets have been sent to Turkey.

Hans-Jochen Vogel, leader of the opposition Social Democrats who have strongly criticised this move, said yesterday he had been promised by the government that the Luftwaffe would not be sent into battle without a discussion in the Bundestag.

Despite their arguments for peace, the German leaders were firmly told by Mr Baker that the surest way of making President Saddam Hussein understand that he had to leave Kuwait was to preserve a united coalition against him, fully prepared to go to war after January 15 if need be. "Probably the only kind of diplomacy Iraq believes in is backed by a gun barrel," one American aide commented.

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Church leaders to make peace appeal to Hurd

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

SENIOR churchmen will lead a delegation today to see Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to represent their serious concern at the prospect of war in the Gulf.

The Rev Keith Clements, co-ordinating secretary for international affairs for the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, said: "We are concerned for the future of all people living in the Gulf, Christians and those of other faiths. That will be one of the points we want to raise with Mr Hurd. Our concern has been strongly reinforced by what we have heard from Middle East churches about what the consequences of war would be. As they see it, a war — and particularly a war of such horrendous scale as seems likely — would simply add to and deepen the crisis of relationships in the Middle East."

The churches' delegation, led by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Right Rev John Dennis, will reaffirm calls for all possible peaceful avenues to be explored before resorting to war, and will voice concerns for the fate of Christians in the Middle East.

The visit comes in the wake of statements calling for peace from church leaders, theologians and ecumenical bodies.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, in a letter to Chris Patten, chairman of the Conservative party and a Roman Catholic, called on the government to pursue every opportunity for a diplomatic solution. He said that military action should be used only as a last resort.

The Rev Robert Beresford, of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said: "My predominant concern is that United Nations objectives are achieved by peaceful means, if that is at all possible. Everything should be done to support peaceful methods of achieving justice."

Catholic bishops urged all Catholic churches to say prayers for peace with justice at Masses on Sunday. Where possible, churches are asked to have one Mass for peace.

The Anglican Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, called for all Christians to set aside some time next Tuesday, the United Nations deadline, to pray for peace. The bishop, who has been joined in his appeal by other church leaders from Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, urged local churches to make time for special acts of prayer and worship during the day. A spokesman for the bishop said: "Many will make a special effort to keep their churches open, especially during lunchtime, and many will be ringing their bells to summon people to prayer. Some Christians may wish to observe an element of fasting."

Rabbi John Rayner, chairman of the Council of Reform and Liberal Rabbis, issued a statement signed by 34 rabbis supporting economic sanctions and continued diplomatic initiatives and urged resistance to any attempt to link the conflict with the Israeli-Palestinian issue.

"While we earnestly hope and pray that war will be averted, nevertheless, if the most strenuous efforts to resolve the crisis fail, we believe it would then be right for Great Britain, in co-operation with other nations, to assert the will of the UN by the appropriate use of force."

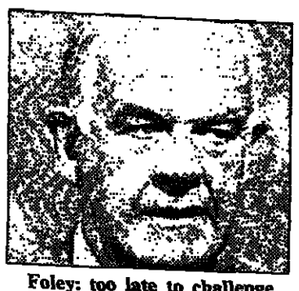
The Salvation Army is to send four officers with two mobile canteens to the Gulf to serve the British forces. They will be flown out on the first available RAF flight.

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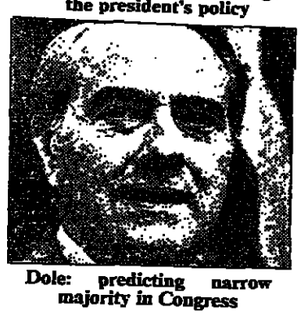
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White House retreat for Bush to plan his strategy



Foley: too late to challenge the president's policy



Dole: predicting narrow majority in Congress

ONE week before the January 15 deadline, and with Congress tomorrow beginning its first full-scale debate since 1941 on whether to send US troops to battle, President Bush has cut to the bone his public schedule and retreated to the west wing of the White House to concentrate almost exclusively on crisis management.

That task includes the intensive wooing of congressmen in a bid to ensure that the country goes to war united.

Polls are showing an upswing in popular support for using force against Iraq after January 15, and the consensus is that Mr Bush will probably now get the congressional authorisation he seeks, even though most Democrats want more time for sanctions.

Congress is an entity almost as enigmatic and unpredictable as Saddam Hussein, but both Tom Foley, the Democratic House Speaker, and Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader of the Senate, are predicting narrow majorities for such a resolution.

Democrats may want time for sanctions to work, Martin Fletcher reports from Washington, but George Bush can take heart from the latest polls backing force

There is a feeling that having put off a debate for so many weeks, Congress has left it too late to exert its will and challenge the President's policy, especially if today's Geneva meeting between James Baker, the Secretary of State, and Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, proves fruitless.

Congressmen returned from their districts on January 3 to regale the press with tales of constituents dead set against military intervention.

Bernie Sanders of Vermont said he had had four town meetings and had "a very difficult time finding anyone who supports the president's position". From the other side of the continent Jim McDermott of Washington state reported: "I don't find anyone who wants to go in".

But all the polls since then have told the opposite story. *The Washington Post* reports 63 per cent support for using force from January 15, up eight points since December, *USA Today* 58 per cent and *Newsweek* 61 per cent. The *Post* poll also showed 68 per cent thought Congress should more actively support the President.

The last thing most congressmen want to do is find themselves on the wrong side of such a momentous issue. The danger for the White House is that congressmen, hoping to hedge their bets, will support the use of force but attach conditions. Amendments cannot be limited. Any number are presently floating around, including proposals to make the president certify that sanctions are not working before going to war and to demand that Mr Bush return for specific congressional authorisation at the moment when he finally decides to use force.

With diplomacy almost exhausted, White House officials are no longer so concerned that the debates may send mixed messages to Baghdad. "The single most important thing at the end of the day is to have no language limiting the president's ability to act," said one.

Another subject of growing concern to the administration is the threat of widespread terrorist attacks in the event of war.

It was disclosed yesterday that the FBI has greatly intensified intelligence-gathering activities involving Iraqis and other Arab groups in the US and has stepped up its scrutiny of Iraqis arriving in the United States.

A particular worry is that the Iraqis may use the thousands of seized Kuwaiti passports to infiltrate terrorists into the US.

The state department has also revealed that US diplomats have spotted suspicious people studying their homes, tracking their movements and filming their embassies with video cameras from passing cars. There had been "repeated examples of planning for terrorist activity, including surveillance of potential American targets," said a spokesman, adding that Iraq's public threats of attacks on American targets in the event of war were being treated very seriously.

A report in the *Wall Street Journal* claimed that police in countries across the world were planning raids on suspected pro-Iraqi terrorist cells that they had had under surveillance for months.

● **Defection denial:** The Saudi Arabian defence minister yesterday denied reports that Iraqi defectors had flown six helicopters out of Kuwait on Monday night, even though the Pentagon had initially confirmed those reports. Yesterday the Pentagon said it had been unable to obtain independent confirmation.

Airlines fly home tourists and staff

AS CIVILIAN airlines became further embroiled in the developing Gulf confrontation, airlines began returning staff and tourists from resorts in the conflict zone and on routes flying over the region (Harvey Elliott writes).

Air Europe is to bring back about 250 tourists on holidays booked through its tour operating partners, Intasun and Select, in both Penang and Goa. They also plan to bring back couriers and engineers.

Other airlines, such as British Airways, are planning to scrap services to any city which could conceivably be within range of Iraqi missiles.

The scramble for seats gathered pace in recent days after Western countries advised their nationals to leave the Gulf region and Israel well before January 15. Gulf Air, Saudi Arabian Airlines and British Airways had temporarily laid on extra flights from Bahrain to Europe, India and Egypt, compensating for cancellations by Qantas, Pan Am and Cathay Pacific.

Complaint over reporters' visas

The Newspaper Publishers' Association last night called on the prime minister to "use his influence" to pursuade both the ministry of defence and the Saudi authorities to grant visas to allow every newspaper two correspondents in the Gulf.

The newspapers lodged a complaint against the MoD in a letter to John Major over the ministry's failure to guarantee even one visa per newspaper.

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Arabs deported

Jerusalem — Israel deported four Palestinian members of the Islamic fundamentalist organisation, Hamas, saying they had incited violence against Jews. Western diplomats described the timing of these first such deportations since 1989 as unfortunate.

Swedish aid

Stockholm — Neutral Sweden has responded to a British request for humanitarian aid for the Gulf force. Ingvar Carlsson, the prime minister, said that Sweden would send a military medical unit.

Moscow condemns US for boarding Soviet arms ship

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE united front between Moscow and Washington, which has remained solid since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, appeared threatened last night when Moscow issued a public condemnation of the United States for detaining a Soviet cargo ship in the Red Sea.

The ship, the Dmitri Furmanov, was detained and boarded by a joint US-Spanish inspection team on January 4. It was bound for the Red Sea port of Aqaba.

The incident, which was kept secret until yesterday apparently by agreement of both sides, became public on the eve of talks in Geneva between the US Secretary of State, James Baker, and the Iraqi foreign minister, Tariq Aziz. The Soviet decision to make the incident public is bound to be seen as a sign that Moscow's resolve may be weakening as the January 15 deadline approaches and will be linked by some with the resignation of Eduard Shevardnadze last month.

According to the Soviet statement issued by the ministry of external economic relations, but distributed by the foreign ministry, the Dmitri Furmanov was detained by the Spanish and US navies in the Gulf of Aqaba on January 4 and boarded. The boarding party inspected the ship's cargo, amounting to "106 tonnes of military spare parts and components for delivery to the Kingdom of Jordan under an inter-governmental agreement between the Soviet Union and Jordan."

The statement referred also to "11 boxes found in an insulated compartment", but did not say what they contained, insisting that they were accompanied by "all the necessary documents".

Although the statement said that the boarding party had been able to inspect the ship unhindered and had found no undeclared cargo, it indicated that the captain and crew had refused to co-operate. "During the search, the crew were held for 10 hours in the officers' mess under guard of Spanish sailors. The inspection was conducted without the participation of the ship's officers," it said.

The Soviet statement made clear that the detention of the Dmitri Furmanov was at least the second time a Soviet ship had been inspected by US naval forces in the Gulf region. "Even though the American side recently acknowledged that its action in relation to the Soviet ship, the Nikolai Savitsky, was unjustified," it concluded, "it has made another attempt to cast aspersions on Soviet compliance with UN Resolution No 661.

"The Soviet side is authorised to state again that neither the cargo on board nor the ship's route violate the resolution, and it regards this incident as action directed against the commercial activity of the Soviet merchant navy."

US diplomatic sources in Moscow appeared surprised by the sharpness of the Soviet statement. There was speculation, and some hope, that it might have been an indiscretion on the part of less experienced officials at the Soviet foreign ministry's information department.

There is bound to be concern, however, that the move results from a decision by a part, or all, of the Soviet leadership to distance itself from the US as the prospect of military action draws closer.

● **WASHINGTON:** Pentagon sources confirmed that secret caches of weapons had been discovered on board the Dimitri Furmanov on January 4 (Peter Stothard writes). The cargo included rocket launchers, detonators, explosives, tank parts and command-and-control equipment, some of which "was not on the manifest", officials said.



Out of Israel: Ulrika Laett, from Gothenburg, Sweden, and her Israeli husband at Ben Gurion airport as she waits for the last Scandinavian airways flight out of Jerusalem. Her husband is staying in Israel. With the multinational force poised to launch an offensive to drive Iraqi troops from Kuwait, the Israeli armed forces have been put on alert and foreigners are fleeing the country (AFP reports). All flights leaving Israel were full on Sunday, an airport source said. Several foreign airlines have reduced services to Tel Aviv. On Monday the Israeli army started to complete its distribution of gas masks to the civilian population. The defence ministry, which has already issued some 3.5 million masks, said the army would now distribute a million more.

Palestinians have 'nothing to lose'

From RICHARD OWEN IN JERUSALEM

KAMAL Hassuna, a leading Arab businessman in Hebron on the occupied West Bank, said. "You must understand, our people are in despair. If war comes and Palestinians fight for Saddam Hussein, by intensifying the uprising against Israel, it will be because they have nothing to lose."

Palestinians are waiting for the outcome of today's talks in Geneva with apprehension. The same Arab youths who fill the streets of Gaza and West Bank towns waving portraits of President Saddam Hussein, also admit they fear being caught up in the catastrophe of war. "If Iraq fires chemical weapons at Israel, we too will be killed or injured," one Hebron youth said.

Some Palestinians have been alarmed by Israeli announcements that there are insufficient supplies of gas masks for the inhabitants of the occupied territories.

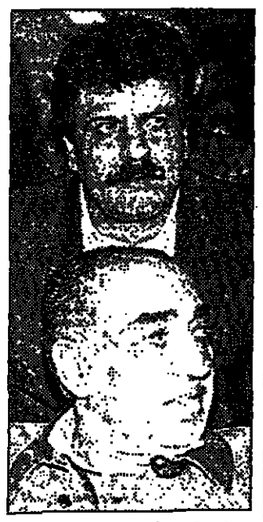
But the dominant mood is one of excitement at the thought that war could turn the Middle East upside down.

"Anything is better than perpetual occupation," Khalid, an Arab journalist, said. A favourite Palestinian chant runs: "O Saddam, the beloved, please bomb Tel Aviv; O Saddam, the brave, bomb it with chemical weapons."

According to Said Kanaan, a leading figure in Nablus, Palestinian support for Saddam in the event of war "will find its expression in increasing acts of violence".

He added: "Most Palestinians are hoping for war because, if Saddam Hussein is victorious, a solution to the Palestinian problem will be closer, and if he is defeated there will be a revolution of Arab peoples against their leaders. This will create a political atmosphere favourable to the Palestinians. Our enemy is the status quo."

The underground leadership of the intifada has called on Palestinians to open a "second front" by hampering any Israeli war effort through mass demonstrations and acts of terrorism. That, the leadership hopes, would pin down much of the Israeli Army.



Abu Abbas, top, and Abu Iyad, leading members of the PLO, listening to Yassir Arafat in Baghdad

Israel and Jordan 'risk war in hours'

By RICHARD OWEN

ISRAELI officials yesterday predicted that an Israeli-Jordanian war could erupt "within hours" if Israel were dragged into a Gulf conflict.

A rift was developing between Iraq and Jordan, Israeli sources said. Co-operation had suffered after Jordan allegedly supplied America with "sensitive military material", according to the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*.

Many Jordanians suspect hawkish Israeli leaders such as Ariel Sharon, the former general, would try to take advantage of war chaos to occupy the East Bank of the Jordan, expelling Palestinians from the West Bank and making Jordan a Palestinian state.

David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, said yesterday that America would have achieved nothing if it forced Iraq out of Kuwait but failed "to remove the Iraqi threat to the region". He proposed the disarmament of Iraq and the dismantling of its nuclear capability under international supervision, combined with the imposition of buffer zones. Without such constraints, Mr Levy said, Western forces might have to stay in the region "for a generation".

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Shredders busy ahead of envoys' exodus

From JOHN HOLLAND IN BAGHDAD

DIPLOMATIC missions yesterday were shredding the last essential documents and tying up the last of their diplomatic pouches in preparation for a hasty evacuation from Iraq, if the United States-Iraq talks in Geneva today fail to slow the drum-beat of war.

Western journalists were also to be advised soon on a possible evacuation with Iraqi government assistance in the event that hostilities appeared imminent. A row of white off-road vehicles were tanked up and ready to roll in one embassy parking lot, while a number of Western diplomats spent their day getting permits from the Iraqi foreign ministry to leave the country, either by land or air.

There was a question as to whether foreigners could travel more than 25 miles outside Baghdad without government approval. Another concern was over the rumoured closure of Iraqi airspace starting from January 10, a rumour as yet unconfirmed. But others believed that delegates to an Islamic conference which opened today and finishes on the 11th would presumably be allowed to leave.

"No one is interested in the Ramadi option," said one Western diplomat, who was referring to a recent offer by the Iraqis to move Western diplomats and journalists to Ramadi, the Iraqi resort which is 65 miles west of the capital and was used by the government and diplomats as a retreat during the eight-year war with Iran.

One European embassy official was in the process of selling his Japanese-made car to an Arab colleague, telling the buyer to have patience until Thursday before closing the deal. At another embassy a bored-looking secretary sat atop a 3ft-high plastic bag of diplomatic confetti as she fed more routine consular business into the shredder.

"It's not much fun any more, because all the good stuff's been done," she said, adding that "the good stuff" had been chewed up into little pieces just after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last August 2.

Meanwhile, Izzat Ibrahim, the vice-chairman of Iraq's Revolution Command Council and the number two man in the leadership, to Tehran for several days of high-level talks with the Iranian leaders. The Ministry of Health has announced that, as of now, all hospital patients not considered critically ill are to be refused admission to the country's 525 hospitals, in order to prepare for potential war casualties.

Martin Jacques

Class issues that matter

Last year, education made an extraordinary ascent up the electoral agenda. At the same time the mood on education turned against the government; towards the end of Mrs Thatcher's reign, one opinion poll had the Tories running some 29 points behind Labour on education. In response, one of Mr Major's priorities in his first few weeks has been to impart a different emphasis to the government's rhetoric on education, to lessen talk of market forces and underline support for the state system and the role of teachers.

But the shift in public perceptions of education is driven by much more than the party-political debate. The concern runs deeper than any manifesto can express. Sir Claus Moser, in his address to the British Association for the Advancement of Science last August, came closer than anyone so far to articulating the public anxiety when he drew attention to the historic weakness of our educational system and called for a royal commission.

Two factors are now giving a quite different bite to the educational debate. The first is the dawning recognition that the relationship between education and the economy will change markedly. The old division of labour – for instance between mental and manual labour and between skilled and unskilled – is a growing handicap. Flexible skills are increasingly at a premium. The second factor is the growing awareness of Britain's educational deficit compared with our European rivals.

The Thatcher years did little to tackle the underlying problems, indeed for the most part they were exacerbated. On the positive side, some key problems were identified: low standards, the quality of teaching, the lack of accountability of teachers, and the need for a *common framework in the form* of a national curriculum. But most of the solutions have been ill-conceived.

It is one thing to establish that the quality and lack of accountability of the teaching profession are problems, another altogether to demoralise teachers by constant verbal attacks and allowing salaries to sink to a disgracefully low level. Research published last week suggests that teachers are now the most depressed of all occupational groups, with an estimated one in three drinking to excess. Furthermore, spending on education, as a proportion of gross domestic product, was allowed to fall from 5.5 per cent in 1980-1 to 4.9 per cent in 1987-8, rather less than in most of our rival nations. Finally, the government schemes to promote opting out are serving *to exacerbate the chief weakness* of our educational system – division and hierarchy.

Examples of this are legion, but two stand out. This country's private educational sector is far more important and influential than in most comparable countries: as a result, what might be – and in many countries are – some of the most powerful pressure groups for improving the state system (including even the Conservative cabinet) have no direct interest in it. Then, within the state system, there is the long-standing gulf between vocational and academic education. It is this that is under increasing scrutiny.

The key problem is among those aged 16-18. The staying-on rate, which here is a mere 35 per cent of the age-group, compares miserably with that in similar countries. Those who continue take but a handful of highly academic A-levels, while the majority are cast out into (or choose) work or second-class vocational training. In the light of economic and technological change, such distinctions between the academic and the vocational are increasingly inappropriate.

A further problem is that the present system is driven not by the interests of the majority, but by that small academic minority which takes A-levels in the hope of entering higher education. Yet there is growing evidence that what will matter is not so much this small minority as the quality of education received by a much broader swathe.

These divisions, moreover, contribute towards one of the most intractable problems facing any major advance in the level of educational achievement. English society in particular remains deeply antipathetic to the educational ethic. School is largely regarded as something that should be left behind as soon as possible, and intellectuals are still regarded with suspicion. Such attitudes are rooted deep in our history. But an educational system which has long been driven by the interests of a small minority is bound to leave the majority alienated, dissatisfied and resentful.

Despite much debate and enormous changes, the last decade failed to tackle many of the underlying problems in education. What is required is a new consensus around the need for a higher proportion of GDP to be spent on education; a high-status, well-paid but strictly accountable teaching profession; new tertiary colleges for those aged 16-18 organised around a new academic/vocational qualification like the baccalaureate and designed to attract the majority of the age group; and much more opportunity for adults to re-enter the educational system when they so wish. Pie in the sky? Maybe, but the trend of thinking is going this way. Mr Major and Mr Clarke could come sorely to regret much of Mr Baker's Act.

What is there left to talk about?

As America braces for war, Peter Stothard, US editor, sets the scene for today's Baker-Tariq Aziz meeting

In a world where summit meetings have become commonplace and national leaders negotiate directly over the telephone like bond-dealers, today's talks in Geneva between James Baker and Tariq Aziz are like something out of diplomatic history. The stakes are as high as at any international forum since the Cuban missile crisis. But the participants are ambassadors, not plenipotentiaries.

Each will have a preconceived plan, produced in his capital and containing the mixture of stubbornness and surprise that his leader judges appropriate. Utterly absent is any measure of trust or even the secure mutual knowledge upon which trust is built. Tariq Aziz is an apparently western figure who is said even to share Mr Baker's commitment to the Christian faith. But behind the well-modulated English and the well-cut suits is a man whose life history is mysterious. And behind Mr Aziz is Saddam Hussein, whose character is that of either a martyr or a calculating automaton, depending upon which expert one believes.

The preparations for this meeting hardly seem part of the drama of the T-72 tank and the Stealth fighter. As one congressional observer put it yesterday, "The two men might as well be ancient Athenians meeting an embassy from the king of Persia." Expectations are accordingly low. Although a critical part of the globe is threatened by imminent and unprecedented catastrophe, rival predictions about the course of today's talks are barely above the level of those before a world boxing championship.

Some officials in Washington see a long, slugging debate; others, a quick flurry of fists and an Iraqi walk-out. The smart talk is about the terms for a rematch, but this prospect is weakening. Americans have gradually realised that this ill-starred encounter may be the last opportunity for words to pass directly between Baghdad and Washington before the exchanges turn to bombs, shells and blistering diseases.

The Secretary of State, James Baker, famous for pulling rabbits out of hats, has made no promises of magic this time. He is merely the messenger-boy, he says, charged with letting Iraq know that America is prepared to meet violence with violence to free Kuwait. His officials guess that the surprise elements in Tariq Aziz's briefcase will include an Iraqi promise for a staged withdrawal with strings attached, a demand for further meetings in Baghdad and even the threat of some deterrent "superweapon" that may or may not exist.

But Mr Baker's job, at most, is to decide whether or not Mr Aziz is telling the truth, either in his concessions or his threats. Whatever his instincts to negotiate may tell him, he knows that back in Washington is a president whose patience and credulity are low. In Congress there are dark whispers that this diplomatic impasse was what George Bush wanted all along: that the drawn-out wranglings over dates and times for direct talks with Saddam Hussein were a charade, designed only to fill the time between the passing of the UN resolution to use force and the deadline for its taking effect.

There is anger among congressional leaders about the way Operation Desert Shield has been handled by the White House, and some of that anger is certain to emerge during the war powers debates which begin tomorrow. But even in those Capitol Hill offices where opposition to the president's policy is highest, there is a sense that the Rubicon has already been crossed. Congress has missed its opportunity to place its weight decisively in the scales for compromise, and the levers of peace and war are, at least for the immediate future, out of its hands.

One of the most influential members of the House of Representatives is Les Aspin, a Wisconsin Democrat who chairs the armed services committee. Yesterday he set out his best picture of a diplomatic solution, invoking the spirits of Kennedy and Khrushchev in 1962 to back his idea of a secret concession to Saddam along the lines of the American agreement to withdraw missiles from Turkey in exchange for those withdrawn from Cuba. Mr Aspin also suggested that Mr Baker tell Mr Aziz about American plans to quicken the pace of the Arab-Israeli peace process, and that he float ideas of American-backed arbitration of borders. The White House is by now politely contemptuous of such clever hopes in Congress.

The president will probably send a resolution to Congress this week asking it to support his belligerent stance if the UN deadline is not met. The Aspin plan, typical of those being offered, is not only unprincipled, in Mr Bush's eyes, but is vulnerable because its terms might well be leaked.

Mr Aspin's last suggestion – that "the anti-Iraq coalition must remain together in order to continue to contain Saddam Hussein" – is the most unrealistic of all. Messrs Bush and Baker know better than anyone how fragile is the international accord they built by their own painstaking diplomacy last year.

America now senses the worst. Through the 24-hour output of Cable News Network and in the piling up of mail in the White House, new waves of anger and fear are coursing the nation. More than 80 per cent of the population now see a likelihood of fighting, according to a poll in *Newsweek* magazine. More than 60 per cent support American military force to drive Iraq from Kuwait.

The blasts of war are blowing hard, and barring some diplomatic miracle, Washington believes that war will come.

Quality airs on a shoestring

Surveying the latest opera funding row, Richard Morrison, arts editor, believes a choice must soon be made between the regional companies, however excellent, and metropolitan glitter



What strange midwinter madness grips the Arts Council when it *has to deal with* regional opera companies? In December 1989 it decided, in circumstances that are still murky, not to continue subsidising Kent Opera. Consequently, one of Britain's most admired small opera companies went into immediate liquidation. That reduced substantially the opportunities to see professional opera in southern England.

One year on, the Arts Council has behaved cavalierly towards a much bigger client, Welsh National Opera – possibly threatening its existence, if one takes the opera management at its word.

At first sight the trouble appears to stem from the ill-conceived and hastily executed "enhancement fund". Whatever else it has enhanced, this £7.5 million way of passing extra money to certain arts *organisations has not enhanced* the Arts Council's reputation. The WNO management claims it was "led to expect" an additional sum from the enhancement fund of about £500,000. In the event, it was given £175,000, and that must be carved out of the Welsh Arts Council's allocation. Since seven in every ten WNO performances are in England, the decision is illogical at least.

As with the axing of Kent Opera, there are rumours of high-powered lobbyings and last-minute changes of mind. The Welsh contention is that when David Mellor was arts minister, no enhancement money was to go to the Royal Opera House, but that his successor, Tim Renton, acceded to lobbying and diverted WNO's share to Covent Garden. We shall probably never know.

There is no reason, however, why every Arts Council decision should not be open to scrutiny by taxpayers in full possession of the facts. It is not as though national security is at risk. Yet a mantle of *secrecy usually* descends upon Arts Council reasoning, like a cloud concealing the events on Mount Olympus from mortals' gaze.

That is just one of the larger issues raised by this particular wrangle. Two other basic tenets of arts-funding philosophy appear to have been mislaid in recent months. One concerns the extraordinary boom in opera appreciation. The British public has developed an appetite for high-quality opera that would have been inconceivable 30 years ago. Not all of this is due to the efforts of companies such as WNO, of course. Pavarotti, *The Ring* on television and *Carmen* at Earls Court have helped. But the regional companies must be given much of the credit. Are we now going to curtail this belated enthusiasm?

The second tenet is the commitment that was made so encouragingly back in 1984, in the Arts Council's *Glory of the Garden* report: a commitment not to treat audiences in the regions as second-class citizens, but to ensure they receive their proper share of the cultural groceries. Yes, lip service is paid to that all the time. Yes, the tortuous progress towards the devolution of most arts funding to the regions is in the *Glory of the Garden* spirit. But the Arts Council's commitment to regional arts growth will ultimately be judged on how it treats regional clients such as WNO.

For here is a company that has achieved the highest standards. Recall the Peter Stein productions of *Otello* and *Falstaff*, the gripping theatricality of Joachim Herz's and André Engel's stagings, the astonishing company spirit that enabled WNO to mount *The Ring*. Recall, too, that this is a company that has just spearheaded the UK90 festival in Tokyo. For only six WNO performances, the Japanese were prepared to pay £2.4 million.

WNO has succeeded in spite of the handicap of playing in some of the most makeshift, cramped and oldest theatres in Britain. And it has succeeded on shoe-string budgets, shattering the myth that to have quality opera, it is necessary to pay famous singers a small fortune. At WNO some singers receive as little as £300 a performance for taking a large role – less than a tenth of the comparable fee at Covent Garden. The British knack of surviving in the face of adversity is surely epitomised by WNO's history. That does not mean that we should keep piling on the adversity. Once again it is necessary to remind the Arts Council to reward success, not failure.

WNO's success also offers a lesson to other opera companies on the virtues of canny management. Time after time, it has been first off the mark in identifying a budding talent: the string of superb directors it has engaged from central Europe is an obvious instance. There have been seasons, particularly in the early 1980s before English National Opera hit its winning stride, when WNO productions set the tone of the critical debate about opera in Britain.

Now the company should be preparing to play an even bigger role in Welsh culture. Redevelopment of the Cardiff Bay area holds out a promise of an equally large cultural renaissance for the city. Some plans have already been outlined in *The Times*: the commitment to spend 1 per cent of the total expenditure on "public art", *for instance*. Other ideas, such as the plan for a new opera house, will depend upon cooperation between public bodies and private developers. There must be trust that the financing of key elements (and WNO must be a key element) will not dry up.

These are all matters that the Arts Council should consider as it begins negotiations with WNO. Yesterday's preparatory discussion produced only a commitment to further meetings.

But a larger problem looms, one that will need a more radical solution. It is not likely that the amount of public money devoted to opera subsidy will increase substantially; there are too many competing cultural claims on the public purse. Yet if all this opera subsidy were rolled together and given to just one client, the Royal Opera, then that company would be almost, but not quite, able to compete with Milan, Vienna and Paris on equal terms. In other words, the cost of running an *international* opera house, locked into the star system and inflexible union agreements, is out of all proportion to the number of taxpayers that will benefit from attending its performances.

If, on the other hand, none of that money were given to the Royal Opera, and all were distributed to ENO and the regional opera companies, we would probably be renouncing forever the chance to bear international stars like Pavarotti, Domingo, and Te Kanawa live on a British operatic stage. But we would be able to fund the other companies adequately. The choice is tough, but British opera-goers can probably no longer have it both ways.

...and moreover

Craig Brown

The recent publication of the Collected Letters of the impresario William "Bill" Board sheds fascinating light on the ups and downs of the theatrical calling.

Board first made his name as an expert in the art of topping and tailing lukewarm reviews for public presentation. In his hands, even the dowdiest review could be turned into a full-blooded rave with a discreet cut here and a few dots there.

Alas, the talent that was his making was also to prove his undoing. Witness Bill Board's reply to this letter from his bank manager at the end of last year, in response to his plan to launch another two West End musicals – *Fowler! the Life and Amazing Times of Sir Norman Fowler* and *Gazza the Musical*, starring Robert Hardy in the title role. In late December, his bank manager had written:

"Dear Mr Board, I am afraid I must refuse all requests for more money for your forthcoming projects. Yours faithfully, W.P. Binns." Ordinary people might have regarded this as a firm refusal, but Board's reply reveals his optimism undented:

"Dear Mr Binns, Thank you for your encouraging letter in which you state 'ALL . . . MONEY . . . . FORTHCOMING'. I take pleasure in enclosing two seats for the first nights. When would you like to hand over the money? With very best wishes, W. Board."

By return of post, Mr Binns makes it clear that his earlier letter has been subject to misinterpretation:

"Dear Mr Board, At no time have I suggested that you would be receiving any money. I would not like you to think that I have. For the present, my bank is stopping all further loans to you. Yours faithfully, W.P. Binns."

But Board had not been 30 years a theatrical impresario for nothing. "Dear Binns, 'NO TIME . . . LIKE . . . THE PRESENT' Excellent news!! On the strength of this firm promise of finance for my next two productions, I have initiated a third, *Verses*, a musical for all the family based on the best-selling book *The Satanic Verses*, for which I enclose more tickets. Best wishes, Board."

Board exercised similar sleight of hand with words and punctuation in almost every area of his life. For instance, whenever he received a letter from the council headed Parking Fine, he would send it back rewritten "PARKING? FINE!", thanking them profusely for their kind permission.

Readers of Mr Board's love letters might well imagine he had struck up a perfect relationship with the girl of his dreams. Take this, for instance: "Dear Miss Joy, I am bowled over. You say 'I AM ALREADY ATTACHED TO . . . YOU', and then add, 'I MUST HAVE . . . YOU' before ending with those longed-for words, 'I WILL WAIT FOR . . . YOU . . . FOREVER!' Oh, Miss Joy, your words fill me with hope: let us swiftly to the altar!"

Only when the reader turns to Miss Joy's original, with words underlined by Board, does a different picture emerge:

"Dear Mr Board, Thank you for your letter. *I am already attached to* another. *You* must understand this. *I must have* a private life of my own, keeping my professional life as secretary to *you* quite separate. *I will wait for* your reply before seeing *you* again. My refusal is final and *forever*. Yours sincerely, Miss Geraldine Joy.'

Following Board's reply, this section of the correspondence ends with a curt letter from Miss Joy, again underlined by Board: "*Please* do not write to *me* again; *anyway*, I will not reply, whether *you like* it or not."

Board's relentless optimism was eventually to prove his undoing. Motoring fast along a country road, he happened to misread the wayside warning sign, "LEVEL CROSSING AHEAD" as simply " . . . SING AHEAD". At the inquest, the *unfortunate engine* driver was to report hearing echoes of "There's No Business Like Showbusiness" shortly before what Board was to describe in his dying words as "the greatest smash hit of all time".

Martyrs to our arts policy?

A valuable old master which could now be hanging in the National Gallery has been lost to the nation because the Treasury has refused to accept it in lieu of death duties from the Rothschild family.

"The Martyrdom of Bartholomew", valued at £2.75 million, has been described as the finest painting by the 17th-century Spanish master Ribera in any private collection in Britain. Now it is on its way to America.

When sold at Sotheby's to the National Gallery of Art in Washington at the end of last year, the government's Office of Arts and Libraries was so alarmed that it refused to issue an export licence for two months to give the nation a chance to acquire the work.

Lord Rothschild, chairman of the National Gallery's trustees, met the arts minister, Tim Renton, and suggested that the executors of his aunt Dolly's estate *should buy the painting and give it* to the nation in lieu of inheritance tax. The Museums and Galleries' Commission submitted its own detailed case why the application should be accepted; the arts world enthusiastically supported the scheme, and with the former arts minister David Mellor having gone on to the Treasury, confidence was high that the rescue plan would be rubber-stamped – despite the fact that Rothschild had previously been *rebuffed on a* similar proposal to save "The Three Graces".

To the surprise of all involved, the government has rejected the scheme. A spokesman for Renton said yesterday: "The acceptance-in-lieu scheme exists to prevent the sale of works of art and possible export when an estate which is property-rich but cash-poor is faced with tax liabilities." Dolly Rothschild apparently did not come into this category.

A disappointed spokesman for the National Gallery says: "We would have loved to have had the painting, but we were unable to make an offer of our own."

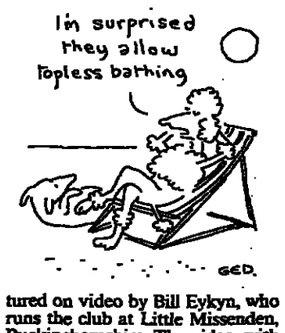
Art historian Sir Denis Mahon, who was a trustee of the National Gallery for 16 years, is even more forthright. "It is a disgrace that this magnificent painting has been allowed to leave Britain. Lord Rothschild stood to gain nothing from this public-spirited gesture which was perfectly legitimate within the framework of the legislation."

● *Whatever the Brussels reaction, the latest hard-ecu proposals unveiled yesterday by the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, have gone down well with Chelsea chocolatier Rococo, which has been selling 100g chocolate ecus with great success. "They are definitely of the hard variety and were a bestseller over Christmas," says a spokesman for the shop. "Don't tell Jacques Delors, but we are importing them from France."*

Clubbable canines

As the summer holiday brochures multiply, the question of what to do with the dog while roasting in Benidorm becomes pressing. For those who do not fancy consigning their pets to solitary confinement in kennels, help is at hand with the opening of the first country club for dogs. Offering a "complete home-from-home environment" including "a well-appointed clubroom, cool north-facing terrace and summer evening barbecues", the Featherbed Country Club is choosy about the animals it accepts, putting all prospective members through a *rigorous – er – vetting procedure*, including a trial stay.

Once a privileged pet has been accepted, its holiday is then captured on video by Bill Eykyn, who runs the club at Little Missenden, Buckinghamshire. The video, with added voice-over and mood music, is presented to the owner at the end of the pet's stay. "We capture them fooling about in the courtyard, snoozing in the clubroom, chasing around the parkland, romping on the terrace and tucking into their grub," says Eykyn.



It sounds far more enticing than a six-hour wait at Luton airport and two weeks on the Costas with a bunch of lager louts. Do they accept owners as well?

● *French singer Edith Piaf was fascinated by spiritualism and never performed without having backstage her cherished seance table. "It's a little round table," she said. "It follows me everywhere I go. My chauffeur transports it." These remarks from Piaf, who died in 1963, have not been conveyed from beyond the grave. They are in a new book about the woman they called the Little Sparrow and are quoted in the latest* Psychic News.

Tradition first

In keeping with a 160-year-old tradition, John Major has accepted an invitation to become a member of the Carlton club, bastion of the Tory establishment and haunt of cabinet ministers.

Every leader of the Tory party since Sir Robert Peel in 1832 has accepted an invitation to become an honorary member, including Mrs Thatcher, the only exception to the men-only rule.

Major's acceptance of the invitation, issued by Lord Whitelaw, the chairman, was delivered by hand yesterday, presumably prompted by speculation in the morning papers that he was about to refuse. His letter said he was "honoured and delighted" to accept.

Robert Linsley, the club secretary, says: "We are thrilled. This maintains an important tradition *in the club's long history*."

Meanwhile work continues apace on repairing the damage caused by the IRA bomb last summer. Two dining rooms have reopened, but the grand staircase, the morning room, the main entrance hall and half the basement remain out of bounds. The work should be completed in May, when it is hoped there will be a grand reopening ceremony. Will Major do the honours? Linsley will only say: "I am sure he will get an invitation to attend."

Dahl and the dull

The list of approved books for seven-year-olds issued by Tim Eggar, the education minister, and the league table published today of the children's books borrowed most frequently from public libraries highlight the chasm between what grown-ups think children should read and what children prefer.

Only four of the books on Eggar's list of more than 50 recommended for the national curriculum are popular enough with young readers to be included in the Public Lending Right breakdown of titles borrowed from the nation's libraries in the year ending June 1990.

Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton and René Goscinny (who wrote the *Asterix* books) are at the top of the PLR list, but none of their books are included in the government's recommendations. Only Allan Ahlberg's *Miss Jump the Jockey*, Shirley Hughes's *Alfie Gets in First*, David McPhail's *Where Can an Elephant Hide?* and Jill Murphy's *Peace at Last* are to be found in both lists.

Next year the two lists are likely to converge as middle-class parents buy or borrow the approved books for private coaching before the national curriculum tests. The government has asked parents to be on their honour not to do so, an appeal that will probably be as effective as trusting a seven-year-old not to touch an open bag of sweets.

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HARD ECU MARK II

When the "hard ecu", Britain's alternative to the Delors plan for European Monetary Union, was first presented to its prospective godparents last June it was an unappealingly premature baby. All 11 of them treated the infant with the *mixture* of embarrassment and derision accorded to nature's regrettable errors. Its congenital weakness was its relationship to the Lawson plan for achieving European Monetary Union by allowing the strongest of the EC's 12 currencies to win out in free competition – an option rejected, together with the idea of a parallel common currency, by the Delors report. Since Britain alone rejected the Delors proposal for a single Euro-currency, the prospects for this new "13th currency" surviving long enough to be christened were judged *minimal*.

Yet the hard ecu, if still far from accepted, is now being seriously considered as an alternative to full monetary union. Britain's draft amendments to the Treaty of Rome, published yesterday, will be courteously if sceptically received when ministers of the Twelve discuss the plan later this month. A few months in the Treasury incubator have done much for its looks, and John Major's proud parenting has won it guarded support in Spain, France and Italy. By contrast, the Delors plan is no longer unquestioningly accepted by Britain's partners.

Britain's objection to the Delors blueprint differs fundamentally from those of the other 11. The British government has always objected to committing itself in advance to a single currency and single European central bank. The government rejects the loss of sovereignty over monetary policy which that would involve. Britain has argued instead for an evolutionary, not to say piecemeal, approach emphasising the gradual convergence of all 12 economies.

The difficulty, for most of the others, lies not with the ultimate goal but with Delors' intermediate Stage 2, in which a European System of Central Banks would form an embryo Eurofed and the exchange rates of national currencies would be irrevocably locked. The EC countries, such as Spain, with weaker economies and/or high inflation fear the social consequences of over-rapid adjustments to tight monetary discipline. The Germans and the Dutch, who would accept nothing less, are concerned that these countries would press either for expansionary (and inflationary) policies or for vast compensation in the form of regional funds.

Hence the unexpectedly improved prospects for Mr Major's hard ecu. The new draft treaty contains something for everybody: discipline for some, gradualism for others. Yesterday's text is above all a political document, astutely offering a series of options. Under the British scheme, a new body (which now, tactfully, looks remarkably like the European System of Central Banks favoured by Delors) would be set up by 1994. Its job would be to issue and manage the new ecu, creating demand for it by ensuring that it was the hardest currency in the European Monetary System.

Discipline would be provided by requiring governments whose inflationary policies led to devaluation to buy back hard ecus at the price paid for them, taking a loss – almost as though the hard ecu were a European gold standard. At the same time, a parallel rather than single currency would give the weaker countries time to adjust to eventual monetary union, which is no longer ruled out. Meantime, countries would retain sovereignty over their national currencies with a framework of tighter EC-wide disciplines.

For Britain, the Machiavellian beauty of the scheme is that it provides a clear definition of the intermediate stage of monetary convergence, clearer than that offered by the Delors plan, and puts that in the context of eventual monetary union. At the same time, the hard ecu offers a challenge to the mark's supremacy, a potent incentive for France. But the EC would not be obliged to move on until countries decided to use the hard ecu in preference to national currencies, not just as a useful adjunct. Ingenuity is not all, and those who fear the national loss of freedom to manage the exchange rate as an instrument of economic policy will wish the whole concept ill. Politically, however, Mr Major has succeeded in provoking a real debate about the modalities of monetary union. That, in the perspective of the past six months, is no mean achievement.

RAIL SAFETY FIRST

A serious rail crash has the added shock of the ordinary turning suddenly to the horrific: "safe as trains" is still almost synonymous in the public mind with "safe as houses". But the Purley and Clapham Junction rail disasters had already begun to undermine public confidence in the safety record of British Rail. The recovery of confidence will not be encouraged by the case against BR over Clapham which began this week, and will be set back further by yesterday morning's tragic accident to the 7.58 from Sevenoaks at Cannon Street.

Faith in BR will only partly be restored by discovering the specific cause of the crash and ordering remedies. No amount of technical explanation will dispel the lingering impression among those who regularly use Network SouthEast that this is a service under stress, short of money, having to make do with out-of-date equipment.

That the brakes on the incoming Sevenoaks train failed seems clear enough. The first focus of attention in the subsequent enquiry will be the brakes' maintenance record. But the immediate reason for the crash will not be sufficient explanation for the severity of its consequences. The train buckled at its middle when it hit the buffers, causing damage that was far more serious than would have been expected.

The most likely explanation is that the front of the train was at that moment bouncing backwards from the buffers while the back was still travelling forwards, so the train in effect collided with itself in the middle. But that is inherent in the way buffers are supposed to work. The surprising failure of the central carriages to withstand the compressive forces suddenly applied to them has to be one of the main factors requiring thorough investigation.

The fact that the carriages were more than 30 years old could prove the most significant aspect of yesterday's tragedy. The rolling stock had reached virtually the end of its life, and was due to be withdrawn later this year or next. An important question for the enquiry is whether, when old rolling stock is passed for operation, BR checks merely the strength of the carriages to continue working safely in normal conditions, or whether it checks also their fitness to survive exceptional stresses, for instance those of a low-speed collision with buffers. Otherwise buffers are a useless safety precaution for a danger that is bound to arise sooner or later. Trains do sometimes overrun their platforms, and not only when the brakes fail.

The temptation must exist to declare stock fit for use up to the date on which its replacement happens to be ready for service, especially when deterioration with age is bound to be gradual. BR must face the possibility that the entire rolling stock of the same generation has become equally unsound. It would be wise to order fresh checks on all its obsolete units immediately.

Such steps would emphasise British Rail's claim to put safety first, before profit and even before passenger comfort and convenience. If carriages have to be withdrawn early and cannot instantly be replaced, the consequences for the disruption of service will simply have to be endured by BR and its passengers, for the sake of public safety.

MORE OPENLY TO WAR

While the world holds its breath today for a hint from Geneva as to whether the Gulf crisis is likely to lead to peace or war, it may seem self-centred for the press to complain about the facilities on offer for coverage. When troops are preparing to risk their lives in the cause of international justice, swift and complete victory may seem to be the only thing that matters. How it is reported may seem wholly secondary.

The restrictions, however, are too harsh. With less than a week remaining before the expiry of the United Nations deadline on the use of force there is still no guarantee of adequate press representation in Saudi Arabia. In theory four teams will cover the action, two with the army, and one each with the navy and airforce. Only three press visas, two for writers and one for a photographer, are to be made available for each team, and their reports will then be distributed to all. Many national newspapers, let alone regional papers, will be left without correspondents at the front. These restrictions come on top of military censorship in the battlefield and ministry guidelines on coverage.

The Ministry of Defence claims that it has not yet been able to secure sufficient visas from the Saudis. The press, however, suspects that the ministry is hiding behind the kingdom's skirts. Saudi Arabia has given ready access to French, Italian and German reporters, though France has committed fewer troops than the British, and Italy and Germany none at all.

The press suspicion is that the restrictions owe more to British institutional sloth than to the Saudi passion for secrecy. Accordingly, the Newspaper Publishers' Association is writing to the prime minister and the Saudis, to urge them to allow more press access. Of course, there are limits to the freedom which journalists can have in wartime. Of course, the military has more important things to do than to cater to every journalistic whim. And a paramount principle, ahead even of free speech, must be that nothing is done that risks lives. Subtle balances have to be struck.

Beyond principle, however, one intensely practical argument for openness should be weighed by the Saudi and British governments. Saddam Hussein is a considerable propagandist. His one slim chance of avoiding defeat is to persuade Western public opinion that the war is altogether too bloody to be borne. He is likely to calculate that his interests are served by a policy of total disclosure. From the Iraqi side, images of human suffering will be relayed to the West, together with footage of Iraqi heroism. Of course, the press will treat such images with scepticism, but if there is nothing else in the market place, the pressure to use them will be hard to resist.

Fears are already being publicly expressed by those opposed to war about censorship of the media. Bickering between the newspapers and the government will add credibility to their fears. Britain has already shown, during the Falklands war, that it is a mature democracy, able to accept casualties in a just cause. More may die in a war this time, but the verdict is unlikely to be different, provided the people feel confident that they are being given the truth. John Major, the prime minister, should act swiftly to defuse the dispute and adopt the policy of greater openness that will make continued public support for the Allied cause most likely.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Calls for prayer and wisdom as Gulf deadline looms

From the Chairman of the Order of Christian Unity

Sir, In the days before the Dunkirk crisis in 1940, the leaders of the churches in Great Britain promoted a national call to prayer. There was an immediate and overwhelming response from the British people. Fifty years later there is surely a similar need for such a national call to seek the mind and will of God, by prayer, before the critical date of January 15.

Because people's views on the Gulf crisis differ, we need to discover unity in a fresh dependence on Almighty God. Should not, therefore, our church leaders call us all to prayer on Sunday, January 13, using perhaps the ancient prayer of St Chrysostom ("Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord . . .").

Man's extremity so often becomes God's opportunity, as we pray in faith, in humility, in courage and in obedience to God's will.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr Hossam Abdalla

Sir, Numerous commentators and politicians argue that a military defeat of Saddam Hussein by Western forces would unleash a massive resentment in the Arab and Muslim world. This argument is both false and dangerous.

It is false because, not only most of the Arab states are supporting the American/Arab alliance in the Gulf but also because it ignores the widespread popular support for resisting the Iraqi aggression, not only among the Gulf people but also among the peoples of the two biggest Arab nations, Egypt and Syria. In fact, the government in Egypt has only acquired popular support since the start of the Gulf crisis because of the stance taken by President Mubarak.

The argument also ignores the attitude of the Iranian people who may be staunchly anti-American, but they have undoubtedly tasted the horrors of the Iraqi regime and although they do not welcome the longstanding presence of America in the Gulf, they would welcome the fall of Saddam Hussein.

The argument is dangerous because it repeats the false allegations of Saddam Hussein being the hero of Arab and Muslim nationalism. Saddam Hussein has engaged in three wars, one against his own people and the second against Iran, the third against Kuwait and not a single bullet has been fired against the Arabs' supposed enemy, Israel.

It is also dangerous because the intended message is that a deal should be struck with Saddam, in order to save his face. They ignore that with such a deal he will emerge as a formidable force being, in the eyes of the Arab people, the only Arab leader who has stood firm to the Americans.

Resentment, however, can only occur after Saddam's defeat, if the West continues to support Israeli expansion and ignores Palestinian national rights.

Those of us in the Arab world who oppose the linkage between the Gulf crisis and the Arab/Israeli conflict do so because we want the liberation of both Kuwait and Palestine.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr R. J. Clothier

Sir, Sir Michael Howard ("Gulf: no time for sanctions to bite", January 2) repeats the very analysis of the Gulf situation that has been driving us pell-mell into war for some time. The annexation of Kuwait is but a symptom of the problem and to give it as the justification for war only confuses.

If the freeing of Kuwait is given as the end then, as time passes, more people will question whether even an end of such perfect propriety can justify the horror of the means. As a result, support for action against Iraq weakens and the government makes dangerous haste – for all the world as if a lynch mob, eager to act before the Sheriff arrives.

Iraq suffers from a belligerent government eager to acquire and brandish, and of proved willingness to use, every weapon in the dread arsenal of modern war. That is the fundamental danger the world faces and, if diplomacy and sanctions fail, that is the danger that will give unarguable justification for assault on Iraq by whatever means is least costly to ourselves.

Our present dangerous haste is unnecessary, the ultimatum inappropriate. If we will only describe the problem accurately, far from seeing the world's support dissolve, we shall see it harden and increase as the weeks pass.

Yours faithfully,
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Duke's Road, WC1.

From Mr H. C. Jorissen

Sir, It seems to me that you might have profited by giving some attention to the letter from the Bishop of Salisbury (December 28) which appeared beside your editorial this morning ("European jitters"). The anxieties expressed by the bishop are shared by many Europeans on both sides of the Channel, not all of a nervous disposition, and are caused by the apparent lack of level-headedness and even-handedness on both sides of the Atlantic.

The expression "no linkage", which has crept into the rhetoric, has gone far to contaminate the aims of different Security Council resolutions. Those applying to the occupation of Kuwait appear now to be of a fundamentally different nature from those applying to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

We are even told by the prime minister of Israel, appearing on the steps of the White House (report, December 12), that there "will be no deal at the expense of Israel", which, if we remember rightly, was established at the expense of the Palestinians.

Not linkage, but general compliance with all resolutions of the Security Council conducive to peace in the region – that seems a legitimate subject of talks and might, even at this late hour, remove the extreme nervousness you appear to condemn.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. JORISSEN
(Netherlands Ambassador to Lebanon and Jordan, 1975-8),
The Old Rectory,
Belle Vue Road,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
January 4.

From the Reverend A. Bullen

Sir, The most desirable way in which the present impasse in the Gulf might be ended must surely be for Saddam Hussein to be toppled by his own people. There is little prospect of that happening if, as seems likely, the vast majority of Iraqis are ignorant of the true facts.

Surely a leaflet raid over Baghdad and over troop concentrations should be considered. The starkness of the present situation could be described in simple terms:

"You have recently lost a seven-year war against Iran in which hundreds of thousands of your menfolk lost their lives, and for no material advantage to your country. Virtually all the world's countries regard the policies of your leader as criminal and immoral. A vast force composed of many nations is poised ready to retake Kuwait. Once again thousands of Iraqis will die. Do you really want this to happen? Iraq cannot possibly hold out against the whole world".

Even if such a message failed to prevent war breaking out, it might persuade many Iraqi soldiers to be more ready to lay down their arms rather than their lives, and thus reduce fatalities on both sides.

I am, yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BULLEN,
St Bartholomew's Parish,
Rainhill, Merseyside.

Work pressures at Westminster

From Sir Philip Goodhart, MP for Beckenham (Conservative)

Sir, I was depressed by your leading article's assertion ("Full time in the House", January 3) that "the ludicrous hours of the House of Commons are designed to allow MPs to dabble in the law, journalism, farming or business". We have to accept difficult hours because about 70 members of the House of Commons are ministers with departmental responsibilities.

When he was Leader of the House, almost 25 years ago, Richard Crossman made a serious attempt to change our traditional working hours. One of the main reasons why his experiment failed stemmed from the objection of ministers, who pointed out that they had to work in their departments during the morning and early afternoon without the need to be available for parliamentary divisions or other business in the House.

During the past decade the substantial parliamentary Conservative majorities have lulled us into forgetting the pressures that can be created when the party balance is more even. In 1964 my regular pair, William Rodgers, became the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Economic Affairs with special responsibility for regional development. For a considerable period he was the only junior minister allowed to leave London when the House was sitting.

Inconvenient hours are the price that we should willingly pay for having the executive in the House of Commons. This constraint would apply even if all backbench members of parliament were full-time professional politicians.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
House of Commons.
January 3.

From Mrs Renée Short

Sir, In most countries of the European Communities members of parliament are paid at a considerably higher rate than ours, the work expected from them is less; and usually they have only very limited constituency responsibilities. Parliamentary salaries are in the news again but very little is said about MPs' pensions. In the countries of the EC parliamentary pensions too are very much higher being linked to parliamentary salaries. These anomalies should be eliminated.

In my own case we could not afford to live in London, but for the fact that I can supplement my parliamentary pension, after 24 years in the House, by writing and medical journalism, chairing conferences, lecturing and that my husband also works.

Yours faithfully,
RENÉE SHORT
(MP for Wolverhampton North East (Labour), 1964-87),
70 Westminster Gardens,
Marsham Street, SW1.
January 3.

Building abuses

From Dr Richard Fordham

Sir, Marcus Binney ("No grounds for development here", December 29) is rightly upset by some examples of commercial development associated with dilapidated country houses. However, he is wrong to condemn the principle involved.

The principle is that of "enabling development": an owner or developer is permitted to build houses or other development in order to finance the restoration of a historic building. This approach has been used and approved in many cases, for example at Broadlands, the former home of Earl Mountbatten. Often, it is the only means of restoring or maintaining a building.

In the case of Croome Court, which he cites, the inspector specifically said he was allowing a particular number of houses to be built in the walled garden because the developer had said that they were financially necessary and the council had provided no evidence. He was saying that, if the council had done a viability study, the amount of enabling development might have been different (and probably less).

In the absence of large-scale finance from central government, enabling development provides the best solution for many historic buildings. Provided that councils use the existing machinery properly such development can avoid all the abuses listed by Mr Binney.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD FORDHAM
(Managing Director),
Planning Gain Consultants,
1 Rupert House, Tisbury Court, W1.
January 2.

Looking at London

From Mr A. Turner and Mr G. Wigglesworth

Sir, The abolition of the GLC and concentration of power in Whitehall have led to a continuous deterioration in the quality of London life. By comparison in Paris, for example, there has been heavy investment in public transport and street cleaning and a laudable patronage of architecture. It is reasonable to suggest that there must be a connection between London's deterioration and the fact that it has no co-ordinating government.

The GLC was a flawed organisation and changes had to be made, but London is now perhaps the only major world city without a city-wide government. The London Planning Advisory Committee is useful and productive, with representatives from all the London boroughs, but it has no funds and no "teeth" and is not in any way a substitute for a strategic planning authority.

Our new prime minister should set up a review to deal with London's worsening position and create a new framework that will take London into the 21st century with some sort of parity with the rest of the developed world.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN TURNER
(Managing Director),
GORDON WIGGLESWORTH,
Alan Turner and Associates,
5 Cochrane House, Admirals Way,
Marsh Wall, Isle of Dogs, E14.

Boundary reform

From the Chief Executive of Humberside County Council

Sir, In arguing against an ill-considered reorganisation of local government, Mr Wiseman, the Chairman of Berkshire County Council (December 29) lightly disregards his own arguments when turning to the possible "abolition of the worst anomalies of 1973-4 changes – Avon and Humberside". He claims that "such additional costs as will arise will be on a small scale".

This is not so. Economic consultants appointed by the Boundary Commission have shown that it would cost at least £33 million over ten years to abolish Humberside. Inevitably this sum will have to be found by local chargepayers who are unlikely to agree that it is "small-scale". Indeed, it is likely to cost them as much as any alternative national reorganisation.

There is a powerful argument for leaving Humberside as it is. That apart, it seems to me improbable that, once started, any piecemeal reorganisation designed to right the wrongs of 1974 could be limited to two counties. Inevitably there would be strong local pressure to recreate the many old counties which disappeared and indeed to remove those districts which have no obvious historic legitimacy.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. PARKES,
Chief Executive,
Humberside County Council,
County Hall,
Beverley, North Humberside.
December 31.

Legal aid work

From Mr C. J. Sweet

Sir, Why does Mr Best (January 2) think that a legally-aided civil litigant is in a worse position than those litigants who are wealthy or "backed by insurance or central and local government with bottomless purses"?

As a solicitor acting for defendants backed by insurance, and having previously acted for government authorities, often defending actions against legally-aided plaintiffs, my experience is that the latter are not in a worse position than privately-funded or insured opponents. They do not need the same regard to the economics of a case as their opponents.

Why should Mr Best think, as he implies, that wealthy litigants, insurance companies and central or local government do not have regard to the expense of litigation?

Yours faithfully,
C. J. SWEET,
31-33 Bedford Street,
Strand, WC2.
January 3.

Lead in petrol

From Mr Kristen Moller

Sir, Why did the UK oil companies decide to call their petrol "unleaded", when their sister groups on the Continent use the term "lead-free"? The implication is that an extra manufacturing process is involved, which is ridiculous – or will some oil expert now confound me by asserting that they do indeed remove the lead from the petrol, having first of all put it there?

Yours faithfully,
K. MOLLER,
Grooms Cottage, Upper Seagry,
Chippenham, Wiltshire.
January 1.

Fisheries policy

From Mr M. J. Holden

Sir, Mr David Porter, MP, is correct to say (December 31) that a new fisheries policy is needed, but provides no ideas as to the principles upon which it should be based.

The fundamental problem in fisheries management is how to limit the excessive amount of fishing on the fish stocks, a consequence of treating them as a common property. The system of total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas established under the common fisheries policy (CFP) had the objective of resolving this problem, but they were neither fixed nor managed in a manner which allowed this objective to be achieved.

A successful fisheries policy must be based upon limiting the amount of fishing to the level which will make the fisheries economically viable. There is only one effective way in which to do this, limit the number of vessels. This has been impossible to achieve to date for many reasons, one of which is that fishing is concentrated in regions where there are few, if any, alternative forms of employment; fisheries policy is viewed more as a component of social rather than economic policy.

Limiting the number of vessels is a radically different approach to fisheries management than that which exists at present. Unfortunately, history suggests that it is unlikely to be adopted and we shall continue as in the past, delaying action as long as possible, as shown by the history of introducing a mesh size of 90mm in the North Sea.

Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (December 20) claims credit for forcing the EC Commission to adopt 90mm in 1986. He forgets that the Commission proposed 90mm in 1977 in its first proposal on conservation measures and all that he did in 1986, when the Commission was again attempting to increase the mesh size from 80mm to 90mm, was to succeed in delaying its adoption by two years, largely because the Scottish fishing industry wanted an interim period of two years with a mesh size of 85mm. As a result, the 90mm mesh size did not come into force until January 1, 1989, over 11 years after it was originally proposed.

Such delays result only in panic measures, such as the recent measures concerning limitation on the number of days fishing by certain vessels in the North Sea. The present low level of catches of cod, haddock and whiting from the North Sea is seen as a failure of the CFP which requires immediate and drastic remedial action. Prior to 1963 the present level of catches was considered normal.

A careful analysis of the working of the CFP to date, taking account of all the economic and scientific information available, is now required in order to develop an agreed long-term management plan for the future. It will be very difficult, perhaps impossible, to achieve agreement but a new approach must be tried.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. HOLDEN (Former Head of Conservation Unit, Directorate-General for Fisheries,
EC Commission),
15 Princess Beatrice Close,
Norwich, Norfolk.
January 4.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – (071) 782 5046.

Cloth caps?

From the Chairman of Cheltenham Racecourse

Sir, Although we cannot claim to have a Church of England bishop conducting a religious service, if Sir Andrew Gilchrist (January 7) was to come to Cheltenham on March 12, 13 or 14 for the National Hunt Festival, he would almost certainly see more priests than at any other sporting gathering in this country.

Yours faithfully,
VESTEY, Chairman,
Cheltenham Racecourse,
Prestbury Park,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
January 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 8: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 8: The Prince Edward this evening attended the opening of the "Versace Teatro" Exhibition at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London.

His Royal Highness subsequently attended a dinner given by His Excellency the Italian Ambassador and Signora Biancheri at their Residence.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer and Mrs Richard Warburton were in attendance.

School announcements

Bedford High School
The spring term begins today and ends on March 26. The Wind concert is on March 5, the gymnastics display on March 14 and 15, and the dance concert on March 21 and 22. Junior entrance assessments are on January 19 (8 plus), January 23 (7 plus) and January 26 (9 plus and 10 plus); Senior entrance examinations and assisted places examinations are on January 31.

Bulford School
The spring term began yesterday. The Founders' Day lecture will be given on January 16, by Dr P. Mathias, Master of Downing College, Cambridge. There will be performances of the musical, *Oh What a Lovely War*, produced by Mrs Gillian Grinham, on March 13-15, in the Centenary Hall. Term ends on March 22.

Harrogate Ladies' College
Harrogate Ladies' College reopens today for the spring term with 400 girls, 100 in the sixth form. The entrance tests for September 1991 take place on January 21. The new art block will be formally opened by Lord Whitelaw on February 8, at noon. Fauré's *Requiem* will be given in the school chapel on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 7.45 pm. Half term is from February 14 to 19, and term ends on March 26.

King's House School, Richmond
The spring term commences on January 9. Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a two-storey technology and design centre, and financial planning is under way. *Gollum*, a play based on Professor Tolkien's work written by Mr N. Chaplin, the deputy head, will be performed on three nights at the end of term, by kind permission of the trustees of the Tolkien estate. Term ends on March 22.

Queen's College, London
The Hon Lady Goodhart took up her appointment as Principal of Queen's College when term began on Tuesday, January 8. The entrance examination will be held on Friday, January 25. The L.M. Dean Lecture on Friday, March 8, is entitled "How Powerful is the Prime Minister?" and will be given by Professor George Jones, of the London School of Economics. Founder's Day is Tuesday, March 19, and the Preacher at the Founder's Day Service will be the Conduct of Eton, the Rev John Witherington. The Chamber Concert is on March 14, and term will end on Friday, March 22.

Woldingham School
The spring term begins at Woldingham School today. Vanessa Colomar Moody, continues as head girl with Uzoma Okoli as deputy head girl. A production of *Cabaret* is to be staged on March 6-11. Term ends on March 15.

Memorial services

Dr John Bowlby
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr John Bowlby was held yesterday in Southwark Cathedral. The Bishop of Southwark officiated.

Canon Peter Penwarden and the Rev Nigel Worn read the lessons and Mr Robert Bowlby, son, read from *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. Professor Mary Ainsworth, Dr John Byng-Hall and Mr Richard Bowlby, son, gave addresses.

Among those present were:
Mrs Bowlby (widow), Mr and Mrs Anthony Gatling and Mr and Mrs Julian Durán (sons-in-law and daughter), Mrs Richard Bowlby (daughter-in-law), Mr Guy Dawson, Mr Patrick Dawson, Mr Ben Bowlby, Miss Sophia Bowlby, Mr Xoñan Durán, Xavier and Xulia Durán (grandchildren), Sir Anthony and Lady Bowlby (brother and sister-in-law), Lady Phelps Brown (sister), Mr and Mrs Luis Sancha (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr George Amos (brother-in-law), Mrs E L Worcester and Lady McMeekin (sisters-in-law).

Mrs Ronald Bowlby, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Phelps Brown, Mr Tom Sancha, Mr and Mrs Jolyon Romgoole, Mrs Juliet Hopkins, Dr Sophia Bowlby, Mrs Francisco Sancha, Miss Alex McMeekin, Mr and Mrs John Amos, Mr and Mrs Lawrence James, Miss Emma Romgoole, Miss Belinda Dromgoole, Miss Anna Sancha, Mr and Mrs Patrick Garrett, Miss Dorothy Southern.

Lord and Lady McGregor of Durris, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, Sir David Innes Williams (Royal Society of Medicine) with Dr T L Dunn (section of psychiatry) and Dr Lesley Dunn; Mrs Eileen Orford (Tavistock Clinic) with Dr John Wilson; Mr Harold Bridger (Tavistock Institute), Dr Jonathan Pedder (Maudsley Hospital), Dr Dora Black (Royal Free Hospital), Dr Antonia Bifulco and Mrs Tirril Harris (medical sociology unit, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College), Mrs Dilys Daws (Child Psychotherapy Trust).

Mr John Southgate (Institute for Self Analysis), Mrs Liza Glenn (Group Analytic Practice), Mr Edward Mueller (Boston University), Mr Alec Sandison (CRUSE Bereavement Care), Mrs Anne-Marie Sandler (president, British Psycho-Analytical Society), Mrs Marian Bernadman (director, Young Minds), Miss Jill Davies (Routledge), Dr Norman and Dr Janet Moore, Dr Thomas Bewley, Mr Michael Brearley and Miss Mona Sarabhai. Mr and Mrs D Fisk and Dr Alan Tyson.

Miss Elizabeth Hardman
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Elizabeth Hardman was held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Free Hospital. The Rev Peter Speck, hospital chaplain, officiated.

Miss C. Gilling, President of the Royal Free Hospital Nurses League, read the lesson and Dame Anne Bryans gave an address.

Birthdays today

Major D.S. Allhusen, equestrian Olympic medallist, 77; Mr Justice Alliott, 59; Miss Joan Baez, folk singer, 50; Mrs M.L.S. Bennett, former principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 78; Sir Rudolf Bing, former general manager, Metropolitan Opera, New York, 89; Mr Ken Brown, golfer, 34; Sir John Buckley, former chairman, Davy Corporation, 78; Mr Clive Dunn, actor, 69; Sir Tony Durant, MP, 53; Sir Graham Eyre, QC, 60; Mr Michael Gifford, chief executive and managing director, Rank Organisation, 55; Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, 91; Father Benedict Green, theologian, 67.

Mr Terry Hands, artistic director, Royal Shakespeare Company, 50; Mr David Holbrook, author, 68; Mr L.J. Holliday, former chairman, John Laing Construction, 70; Mr Raymond Horrocks, former chairman, Austin Rover Group Holdings, 61; Sir Michael Jenkins, diplomat, 55; Sir Glyn Jones, former governor-general, Malawi, 83; Mr Richard Nixon, former American president, 78; Mr Justice Ognall, 57; Admiral Sir Frederick Parham, 90; Mr Ralph Tubbs, architect, 79; Viscount Ullswater, 49; Mr Geoffrey Wragg, racehorse trainer, 61; Miss Susannah York, actress, 49.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Kortright, cricketer, Brentwood, Essex, 1871; Chaim Bialik, poet, Rady, Ukraine, 1873; Lascelles Abercrombie, poet and critic, Ashton-upon-Mersey, 1881; Karel Capek, writer, Male Svatonovice, Czechoslovakia, 1890; Dame Gracie Fields, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1898; Simone de Beauvoir, novelist and critic, Paris, 1908.

DEATHS: Napoleon III, Emperor of the French 1852-70, Chislehurst, Kent, 1873; Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainbleau, France, 1923; Karl Mannheim, sociologist, London, 1947.

Colonel Sir David Stirling

A memorial service for Colonel Sir David Stirling, OBE, DSO, will be held at the Guards Chapel, on Thursday, February 7, 1991, at noon.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will visit families of servicemen serving in the Gulf at noon at RNAS Yeovilton.

The Princess Royal, Under Warden of the Loriners' Company, will attend meetings of the trade liaison and finance committees at Pewterers' Hall at 1015; as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the annual luncheon and present the Royal Yachting Association Seamanship Foundation seamanship award at the London International Boat Show at Earl's Court at 12.50; and, as Chancellor of London University, will attend the Registrars' Staffs Dining Club 21st birthday dinner at Senate House at 6.30.

Dinners

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress last night entertained at dinner at the Mansion House the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and High Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

The Worshipful Company of Feltmakers of London
The Master's Dinner, traditionally held on Plough Monday, took place on Monday night at Middle Temple Hall. The Master, Mr Peter S. Winfield, presided and the other speakers were Mr Edward Wood, Assistant, Mr Alderman and Sheriff Christopher Walford, Mr Paul Orchard-Lisle, CBE, TD, DL, Mr John Roberts, Assistant, and the Lord Wyatt of Weeford.

Lt-Commander Sir Richard Wheeler

A thanksgiving service for Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Wheeler, KCVO, MBE, will be held at The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Hill, Strand, at noon on Thursday, January 31, 1991.

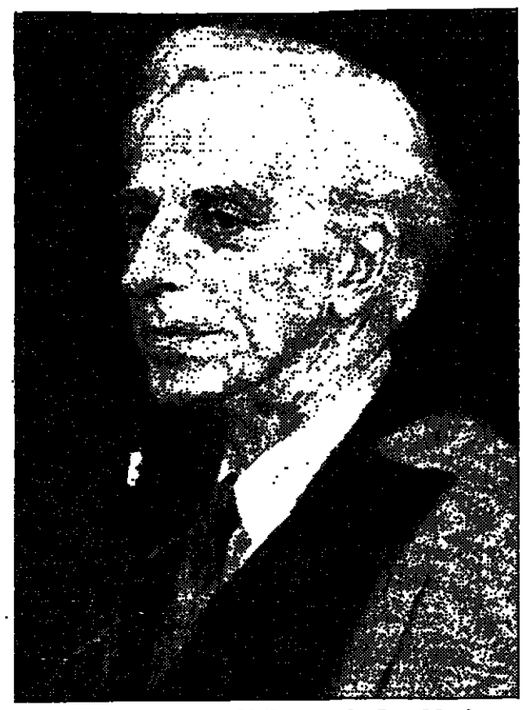
Professor Timothy J. McElwain

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Timothy J. McElwain will take place at 3 pm, on Tuesday, February 5, 1991, in the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, London EC1.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR RONALD GRAVESON

Professor Ronald Harry Graveson, CBE, QC, professor emeritus of private international law at King's College, London, died on January 5 aged 79. He was born on October 2, 1911.



From a portrait of Ronald Graveson by June Mendoza

RONALD Graveson enhanced academic life in London and distinguished himself with the knowledge he brought to bear on the international stage. He had political shrewdness which served him in good stead in his varied career and he turned out to be a prolific and erudite writer.

Born in Sheffield, he was educated at the King Edward School and then at the universities of Sheffield and London. At the Harvard Law School, where he did post-graduate work on status in the common law, he was a favourite pupil of the great American jurist Roscoe Pound. His career was interrupted by the war during which he served in the Royal Army Service Corps. After the war he worked for a year with the Allied Control Commission in Germany and developed a close acquaintance with that country which was to stand him in good stead in his later career.

Graveson returned to London in 1946 and in the following year became professor and head of department in the faculty of law at King's College, a position he was to hold for more than 40 years. He was a prolific writer. Most of his work was in conflict of law (also called private international law), a body of rules which determines whether the domestic law or the law of another state is to regulate a particular matter. He was the author of a standard text book. While in his writing he did not equal the lucidity of John Morris or the originality of Geoffrey Cheshire, his exposition was always recognised as sound.

Graveson represented the United Kingdom at The Hague conference on private international law, and on the legal committees of the Council of Europe. He maintained close contacts with the Foreign Office and also with the bar and bench. He had a specialised advisory practice and later became editor of the *Law Reports*. In 1965 he was elected a bencher of Gray's Inn and in due course served his year as treasurer in 1985. He was took silk in 1966 and was appointed CBE in 1972, the year in which he was elected president of the Society of Public Teachers of Law.

Graveson's major achievement was to establish his faculty as a recognised centre of international and comparative legal studies. To this end he assiduously cultivated academic lawyers in other countries and was a tireless traveller to international conferences. He was a fluent speaker of French and German and at one stage was probably the best known English lawyer in continental Europe. However, his many outside commitments probably allowed him too little time for his own faculty. His colleagues found him at times detached and indecisive, and he was not the most inspiring of teachers. He was a member of the University Senate for many years. He turned his political skills to good account in this forum, as in other spheres of university politics.

Graveson had a courteous and homely demeanour and was capable of kindness. He was very proud of his rise from humble beginnings and he never shed the tones of his native Yorkshire. He was deeply appreciative of any honour, office, or other recognition which was accorded him during his career.

He leaves a widow, and two daughters and a son by his first wife.

JUDITH LEDEBOER

Judith Geertruid Ledeboer, OBE, architect, died on December 24 aged 89. She was born on September 8, 1901.

JUDITH Ledeboer made a significant contribution to national housing standards, particularly to standards of design and accommodation of council and other low cost housing during and shortly after the second world war. After taking an MA at Newnham College, Cambridge, she qualified at the Architectural Association. During the recession of the 1930s work was not easy to come by for a comparatively young and inexperienced woman architect. She was able to give voluntary help to the newly formed charitable Housing Centre Trust (HCT) with its exhibitions to promote slum clearance and better housing. She quickly became responsible, as its honorary exhibition organiser, for major shows at Olympia where space was donated by the building exhibition organisers.

With the outbreak of war Judith Ledeboer joined the architectural staff of the Ministry of Health, then responsible for public housing. She was appointed secretary of the Dudley committee on the design of dwellings which reviewed design and accommodation standards originally set up by the Tudor Walters committee in 1919.

It was a major breakthrough; the larger and more conveniently planned and equipped rooms it recommended set the form for hundreds of thousands of council houses built in the later 1940s and 1950s. There was a slight reduction in size when Harold Macmillan reduced the minimum to achieve his annual production of 300,000 houses and so alleviate the shortage. Standards were partly restored and made more flexible after the Parker Morris committee report *Homes for Today and Tomorrow* was published in 1961.

Judith Ledeboer was a member of this committee. She was also involved when still at the ministry with the reports of the Burt committee on new methods of house construction. These were concerned with assessing "non-traditional" systems for building two-storey permanent houses to supplement traditional materials and skills which were in short supply. Despite some structural failures over a period of time the accommodation standards are still praised. She also compiled for the ministry a photographic guide to the appearance of small houses, contrasting straightforward design and good looking practical detail with the fussy and pretentious.

On returning to private practice with the firm of Booth, Ledeboer and Pinkeard, she was able to put into effect the housing recommendations on which she had worked. Her work was on a domestic scale—houses, small ancillary buildings and residential accommodation for the elderly and for students, including sensitive conversions. She designed the old people's residential home displayed as part of the Festival of Britain exhibition, the Lansbury Neighbourhood at Poplar, East London, and a housing neighbourhood, Bennetts End, at Hemel Hempstead new town, Hertfordshire. She was also a landscape architect, and it gave her pleasure when visiting the Hemel Hempstead scheme years after its completion to see that the gardens and surroundings had matured well. The character of her work was modest and attuned to the setting with good practical detail and materials.

Her wider interest in the improvement of housing conditions was maintained through the support she gave to the Housing Centre Trust. She was a committee member almost from its start, became chairman in 1948 until 1964 when she resigned through ill health. She was appointed OBE in 1965. During her chairmanship the HCT continued to enhance its reputation for impartiality and to expand its various activities in pursuit of its aims, the achievement of better housing through the dissemination of information and exchange of experience and ideas.

TUNKU YAACOB

Tunku Yaacob, Malayan and then Malaysian high commissioner to Great Britain from 1958 to 1966, died in Kuala Lumpur on December 28 aged 91. He was born in 1899.

TUNKU Yaacob ibni Almarhum Sultan Hamid Halmi Shah was brought up as other princes of the Kedah royal household of the nineteenth century. Born at a time when educational opportunities were first created by the colonial administration, he quickly took his chances, however. From the newly-established English school in Kedah he went to the Malay College at Kuala Kangaar.

At 18 he entered the Malayan civil service as a probationary settlement officer in Perak. He became the land officer in Baling in 1921. Travelling in the Malay States at that time meant a journey by river boat or bullock cart and family wealth was measured in paddy fields. But change was coming: roads, railways, and an economy were being built. With this background, he decided to seek further education. Crossing an enormous gap in culture and development, he used his own savings to go to England and study for entrance to Cambridge. He graduated in agricultural sciences from Queens' College in 1929 and then went to the Imperial College for Tropical Agriculture in Trinidad. The England, France and Germany of the 1920s made a lasting impression on him.

Returning to Malaya, he was appointed agriculture officer in Kedah. But his career was not an end in itself. Tunku Yaacob was always concerned with improving the impoverished lives of rural Malays. He created employment and taught them how to use money and to trade, by organising the production and sale of handicrafts. He founded markets where small farmers could sell their surplus produce. Knowing that the Malays of the time could become hot-tempered when they thought they were being cheated, he ordered all weapons to be left outside the markets.

During the Japanese occupation, he continued his work in the Kedah administration until he was sent to Japan to study the country's progress and methods. On his return, the Japanese had handed the administration over to the Siamese.

In the post-war years Tunku Yaacob moved from working with the Kedah state government to the federal government. He was a member of the executive and legislative council under the chairmanship of Sir Gerald Templer and later took over as the director of the department of agriculture. He served on the council of the University of Malaya becoming the pro-chancellor at a time when new universities were being planned for the federation.

In 1955 he retired from government service except for being the keeper of the ruler's seal. However he did not stay retired for long. He was appointed chairman of the public services commission and then in 1958 was appointed Malayan high commissioner to the United Kingdom and ambassador to the Republic of Ireland, continuing in both posts after the enlarging of the federation and the changing of its name to Malaysia on September 16, 1963. In 1966 he was transferred to France as ambassador and was accredited to Switzerland and Belgium. In 1970 he retired for the second time and returned to Malaysia.

Tunku Yaacob witnessed and was a part of the development of Malaysia. He saw his homeland transformed from an almost feudal state at the edge of the British Empire to an independent, modern democratic nation. He was the elder brother of Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first prime minister of Malaya and then Malaysia, who died on December 6.

"Yak" to his friends, "Ayer Kob" to his numerous relatives, Tunku Yaacob will be remembered with great pride both for what he achieved and for the special person he was.



LORD SEEBOHM

Charles Bartlett and Michael Spender write:

THE tragic deaths of Lord Seebohm (obituary, December 17) and Lady Seebohm are a double loss that will be much felt not least by those associated with them in their many interests.

In connection with his interest in watercolour painting, it is right to acknowledge the valuable role he played in recent years at the Bankside Gallery in Blackfriars, the home of the Royal Watercolour Society of which he was an honorary member, and the Royal Society of Painter Printmakers. As a member of the Bankside Gallery Trust, his love of watercolour and his banking experience found a perfect combination.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.D. Anders and Miss A.M. Thomson
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Anders, of Ickenham, Middlesex, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Thomson, of Salford Priors, Evesham, Worcestershire.

Mr J.R.G. Bradley and Miss R.H. Forbes
The engagement is announced between James Robert Gilpin, elder son of Dr and Mrs Robin Bradley, Bletsoe, Aboyne, and Ruth Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Forbes, Cliffdale, Banff.

Mr W.R. Brandon and Miss P.J.M. Nyiri
The engagement is announced between William Roland, son of the Lord and Lady Brandon of Oakbrook, and Polly Jennifer Miriam, daughter of Mr and Mrs Janos Nyiri.

Mr J.L. Burch and Miss E.A. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Ian, second son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Burch, of Cyncoed, Cardiff, and Elisabeth Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.K. Thomas, of Lisvane, Cardiff.

Mr R.B. Churchill and Miss S.H. Block
The engagement is announced between Robert Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs John Churchill, of Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, and Serena Hazledine, daughter of Mr Nicholas Block, of Abinger Hammer, Surrey, and the Hon Mrs Timothy Elworthy, of Coates House, Swyncombe, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.G.C. Davies and Miss S.F. Arkle
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Tony Davies, of Wedmore, Somerset, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs James Arkle, of Streatley, Berkshire.

Mr J.T. Dawson and Miss D.M. Hornibrook
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Dawson, of Twycross, Leicestershire, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.N. Hornibrook, of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.

Mr P.H. Diggle and Miss M.A.C. Tapper
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Diggle, of Prestbury, Cheshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P. Cholmondeley Tapper, of Piddington, Oxfordshire.

Mr A.O. Dodd and Miss J.E. Archer
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr I.W. Dodd, of Hove, Sussex, and Mrs M.G. Dodd, of Lewes, Sussex, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Archer, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr M.R.P. Doughty and Miss J.L.C. Smith
The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of Sir William and Lady Doughty, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Smith, of Hightown, Liverpool.

Mr J.K. Dowell and Miss A.M. Marshall
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Sheila Dowell and the late Mr Keith Dowell, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Marshall.

Mr C.R. Graham-Campbell and Miss J.M. Butcher
The engagement is announced between Charles Rollo, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Niall Graham-Campbell, of Pitlochry, Perthshire, and Joanna McLean, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graeme Butcher, of Ringwood, Hampshire.

Mr S.G.B. Hewitt and Miss J.W. Brabyn
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr P.D. Hewitt, of London, SW7, and of the late Mrs J.F.C. Gallagher, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr D.A. Brabyn, of St Mabyn, Cornwall, and of Mrs M. Brabyn, of Chard, Somerset.

Mr J.R. Howells and Miss S. Johnston
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Dr and Mrs B.R. Howells, of Ruislip, Middlesex, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Johnston, of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

Sir John Mactaggart, Bt and Miss C. Williams
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late Sir Ian Mactaggart and of Rosemary, Lady Belhaven and Stenton, of Fulham, London, SW6, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Williams, of Esher, Surrey.

Sir Robin MacLellan and Mrs R. MacLellan
The engagement is announced between Robin MacLellan, of Bearsden, Glasgow, and Jennifer, widow of Roderick MacLellan, of Buchlyvie, Stirlingshire.

Mr J.B. Mann and Miss S.J.A. Pattman
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Mann, of Old Radnor, Powys, and Sophie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pattman, of Kennington, London.

Mr J. Minto and Miss H.K. Grover
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs J. Minto, Chester-le-Street, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J. Grover, Bromyard. The marriage will take place on January 10, in the Seychelles.

Mr N.A. Schofield and Miss D.J. Chapman
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Anthony, son of the late Mr and Mrs W.E. Schofield, of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, and Deborah Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Chapman, of Clevedon, Avon.

Mr R. Westenberg and Dr C.A. Cherrington
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Dhr and Mevr Melius Westenberg, of Vinkeveen, The Netherlands, and Christina Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Rowan Cherrington, of Chute Forest, Andover, Hampshire.

Mr S.G. Williams and Miss H.F. Nicholson
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Williams, of Durrow Abbey, Tullamore, Co Offaly, and Helena, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Doyne Nicholson, of Rockfield House, Drumconrath, Co Meath.

Mr M.C. Wright and Miss A.L.J. David
The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of the late Mr J.G. Wright and of Mrs A.J. Wright, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Anna-Lisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. David, of Bradenham, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr R.W. Braithwaite and Miss A.L. Sadlow
The marriage took place on January 2, at the British Embassy, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, between Robert, son of Vilma and William Braithwaite, of Haverfordwest, Dyfed, and Alexandra, daughter of Shirley Gutteridge, of Watcombe Lodge, Nottingham, and of Peter Sudlow, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr G.Q. Jones and Miss T.G. Rolleston
The marriage took place on December 29, at St Mary's Church, Battersea, between Mr George Jones, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Clement Jones, of Essex, and Miss Teresa Rolleston, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Rolleston, of Cambridge.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev John Ayling, licensed to officiate, diocese of St Albans: to be Team Rector, Boscastle with Davidstow, diocese of Truro.

The Rev Robert M Barlow, Assistant Curate, Colwich with Great Haywood, diocese of Lichfield: to be Rector, Crick and Yelvertoft with Clay Coton and Lilbourne, diocese of Peterborough.

The Rev Kevin Bidgood, Vicar, All Saints, Portsea, diocese of Portsmouth: to be Vicar, Hamble, diocese of Winchester.

The Rev Malcolm Bowers, Team Vicar, Redruth with Lanner, diocese of Truro: to be Vicar, St Blazey, same diocese.

The Rev Peter E Bradley, Curate, St Michael and All Angels with St Edmund, Northampton, diocese of Peterborough: to be Chaplain to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

The Rev Peter J Brooks, Assistant Curate, St Luke, Kingstanding, diocese of Birmingham: to be Vicar, Nork, diocese of Guildford.

The Rev Canon John S Cox, Canon Residentiary of Southwark Cathedral, and Joint Diocesan Director of Ordinands, diocese of Southwark: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Roehampton, same diocese.

The Rev Ian M Forrester, Precentor and Chaplain, Chelmsford Cathedral, diocese of Chelmsford: to be Chaplain, Lancing College, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev Peter G Haddleton, Team Vicar, Bridgnorth team, diocese of Hereford: to be Team Vicar, South Wye team, same diocese.

The Rev Stewart J R Hartley, Priest-in-charge, St Philip, Nelson, diocese of Blackburn: to be Vicar, St Philip, Nelson, same diocese.

The Rev Barry Irons, Priest-in-charge, St George, Clun; St Mary, Chapel Lawn, St Mary, Bettws-y-Crwyn; St John, Newcastle, diocese of Hereford: to be Priest-in-charge, St Michael, Breinton, and Bishop's Officer for Evangelism, same diocese.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Leycester Coltman to be Ambassador to Cuba, in succession to Mr A. D. Brighty, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appointment.

Mr Brian Barder to be British High Commissioner to Australia, in succession to Sir John Coles, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appointment in London.

Legal

Mr Stanley Brian Spence to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

BRIGADIERS: M W Betts – To MOD. Jan 7; C D M Ritchie – To UKNMR SHAPE. Jan 7; J M Patrick – To be Comd Arty HQ NEDIST/2 Reg AFNO. Jan 7.

COLONELS: D P Dunseath – to SHAPE Staff. Jan 7; I K Forward – To Mod. Jan 7; I P Inshaw – To be Comdt Sch of Ord. Jan 7; M Stratton – To JSDC. Jan 7; N H G Beard – To be DCOS 3 Armd Div HQ & Sig Regt. Jan 7.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: P D D J Andrews DWR – To Inf Trials & Dev Unit. Jan 7; A T Brett RE – To BMATT Zimbabwe. Jan 10; J D Colson RA – To JACIG. Jan 7; J W M Ellery LG – To Staff College. Jan 7; I D Hoare RCT – To be CO 153 (Highland) Arty Sp Regt RCT. Jan 7; D E Hughes RAEC – To be CO RAEC Centre. Jan 7; J P Marsh RE – To UKCICC. Jan 9; P M Taylor RE – To MOD. Jan 7; J H Thorpe RH – To MOD. Jan 7; C H Braithwaite 15/19H – To be CO 16/19H. Jan 12; P Firth RCT – To MOD. Jan 7; W J Tustin RAEC – To HQ DA Ed. Jan 7.

Retirements

BRIGADIER: G E Bartlett, late RCT. Jan 10.

COLONELS: J A Dunsmure, late SG. Jan 10; P L Wilson, late RAEC. Jan 14.

Honorary appointment

Major General Frederick Brian Mayes, late RAMC, is appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen, from December 31, in succession to Major General Duncan Love Macphie.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: J A Cheshire – To RAFSC Bracknell; M J Bethell – To MODCVE; A J C Bagnall – To MOD; M D Smart – To MOD; T G Tharn – To HQRAFG.

GROUP CAPTAIN: P J O'Reilly – To RCDS; N M Griffiths – To RCDS; S E A Pegnall – To RCDS; J H Thompson – To RCDS; A A Nicholson – To RCDS; M K Widdowson – To RCDS; D A Hurrell – To RCDS; T M J Holdsworth – To DNATS; D B Pierce – To SRAFO Plymouth; C C Cullington – To MODCVE; A J Needham – To RAF West Drayton as Stn Cdr; R H Fletcher – To HQ 11 Gp; P B M Richards – To MODIAFD).

WING COMMANDER: D M Williams – To MOD London; J Hutchings – To HQSTC; R Brooks – To MOD London; C Cruse – To 14 MU Carlisle; R J Titus – To HQAFCENT; R F Burdett – To RAF North Luffenhaus; J C O Luke – To MOD AFD; J P Milnes – To OASC Biggin Hill; S J Morris – To AMP Liaison Team; D A W Pearson – To HQRAFSC; D H Anderson – To MOD AFD; N MacLeod – To RAF Henford; A F Staveley – To Det NBC Centre; D J Holliday – To RAF Brampton; R R G Parsley – To RAFC Cranwell; G V Goodsell – To RAFSC Bracknell; R M Thomas – To RAF Oakenholt; T P Brewer – To HQSTC; D Musgrave – To MOD AFD; M J Routledge – To HQSTC; P W D Ruddock – To MOD CVE; K E Skinner – To RAF Scampton; T C Hewlett – To RAF Coltishall; C S Burns – To RAF Brize Norton; D R Tilsa – To MOD, Def Sy Staff; D H W Blackhouse – To MODPPC) USA; P N Gilbert – To HQRAFSC; P J Sperring – To HQSTC; J Brown – To 1 TWU Brawdy; K J Harris – To MOD London; A P Hayes – To MOD London; B M Thornton – To Wyns Stads Branston; P D Rawson – To RAF St Athan; W S Rooms – To RAF Cranwell; K J Leeson – To MOD London.

Poetry medal

Sorley Maclean, who writes in Gaelic and English and lives on the Isle of Skye, has been awarded the Queen's gold medal for poetry.

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Someone will say: "I am allowed to do anything". Yes, but not everything is good for you. I could say that I am allowed to do anything, but I am not going to let anything make me its slave. 1 Corinthians 6:12 GNB

BIRTHS

BEVAN - On January 2nd, to Anne and John, a son, James Henry Jonathan, a brother for Camilla and Charles.

BOURNE - On December 31st 1990, to Penny (née Low) and Mike, a daughter, Katie Louise Victoria, a darling sister for Thomas and Emily.

CLAYTON-SMITH - On December 23rd, to Katharine (née Jones) and David, a daughter, Eleanor Jane, a sister to Phillippa. Thank you to Kingston Hospital staff.

DALTON - On December 29th, to Azalea (née Sturdy) and Arthur, a son, Tom.

DAVIE - On January 4th, to Belinda (née Blake) and Jonathan, a daughter, Samantha Jane.

DUNCAN SMITH - On December 13th 1990, at West London Hospital, to Betsy and Iain, a son, Harry Alisdair St John, a brother for Edward and Alicia.

EDSELL - On December 29th, 1990 at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Anne-Marie (née Gilchrist) and Nicholas, a son, Angus Jamie Nicholas, a brother for Alastair.

EVERETT - On January 7th, to Karen (née Cormack) and Tim, a son, William Alexander.

FARQUHARSON - On December 28th 1990, in Stavanger, to Elinor (née Pugh) and Geoffrey, a son, Alistair Morten.

HALFHEAD - On January 7th, at Wycombe General Hospital, to Arlette and Tim, a son, Samuel Robert Delano.

JONES - On December 28th 1990, at Pembury Hospital, to Lee Ann and Howard, a son, Harrison Owen.

MALONEY - On December 30th, in Oxford, to Valerie (née Pesse) and Gary William, a son, William Charles, a brother for Elizabeth.

NAISBY-LUXMOORE - On January 6th, to Sarath (née Tweedy) and Jonathan, a son, Oliver Chave.

PIKE - On January 3rd, to Rosemary (née Atherton) and Malcolm, a daughter, Lucinda Claire, a sister for Eleanor.

RIDDICK - On January 5th, at St James' Hospital, Leeds, to Sarah and Graham, a son, George John Galloway.

ROBERTSON - On December 25th 1990, to Katherine (née Newberry) and Jeremy, a son, Marc Nicholas.

RUSSELL - On January 5th, to Anthea (née Cooper) and John, a daughter.

SCROPE - On January 7th, at St George's Hospital, London, to Mary Clare and Henry, a son.

SHIPP - On December 30th, at Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Higgs) and Brian, a son.

SPYROU - On December 31st 1990, to Maria (née Vlassopulos) and Alexander, a son, John Alexander Basil, a brother for Andrew. Grateful thanks to the doctor and staff of Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

TEUTEN - On January 5th, at The Portland Hospital, to Paul and Bea (née Pettaved), a son, Benjamin John Theodore, a brother for Natasha.

TREACY - On January 3rd, to Marilyn (née Arnold) and Allan, a daughter, Georgina, a sister for Tristan and Adam.

WILKES - On January 4th, to Jackie (née McNair) and Henry, a daughter, Isabella Mary.

MARRIAGES

KILGOUR:KAY - On January 5th, at Chelsea Register Office, Alastair Hugh Lowell, elder son of Dr. John L. Kilgour CB, & Mrs Kilgour, of Chesham Bois, Bucks., to Susan Jane, daughter of Sqn. Ldr. R.P. Kay RAF (Rtd) & Mrs Kay, of Toddington, Glos.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On January 6th 1991, suddenly at her home in Headington, Oxford, Dr. Unity Ruth Allen, aged 65 years. The funeral service will take place in St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, on Tuesday January 15th at 12 noon. Enquiries to Reeves & Pain (Funeral Directors), 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford. tel: (0865) 242529.

BLACKBURN - On January 5th 1991, suddenly at home, Harry, beloved husband, father and grandfather, aged 78. Funeral Service at St James' Church, Selhurst, near Midhurst, January 17th at 3 pm.

BROWN - On January 8th, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, W2, Cyril Samuel, aged 84 years, beloved father of Roy, grandfather of Jessica and Nicola, dear father-in-law of Wendy. Funeral will take place at Willesden U.S. Cemetery at 2 pm on Thursday January 10th. Prayers at home that evening only at 6 pm.

BUCHANAN-SMITH - On January 7th, Kathleen Mary (IO), peacefully in Southampton, in her 93rd year, widow of Ralph, much loved by her daughters Miff and Mary Jane and by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all her family. Funeral on Monday January 14th at 2 pm at St Paul's, Sarisbury Green, Hampshire. Donations if wished to Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, WC1.

CARTER - On January 5th, in hospital and of Studley Lodge, Hall Lane, Liversedge, West Yorkshire, Eileen, aged 70 years. The dearly loved wife of Lt. Col. Nick Carter and very dear mother of David, Suzanne, Robin and the late Pauline and a much loved grandma of Richard and Kristy. The cortège will leave the above address on Monday January 14th at 1.05 pm for Service at All Saints Church, Robertstown, at 1.15 pm, followed by cremation at Dewsbury Moor Crematorium at 2 pm. Will friends please accept this intimation and meet at the Church.

CHILDS - On January 7th 1991, W. (Chas). Loving husband of Pat and much loved father of Jennifer, Rob and Mandy and grandfather of Jane, Alex, Edward, Tim, Ben, Joshua and Alexandra. Funeral Stondon Massey, Wednesday January 16th, 11.30 am. Family flowers only please.

COOMBS - On January 7th, peacefully, after a short illness in hospital, Rose Eileen Bennett Coombs M.B.E., aged 68 years, of Chandlers Ford, Hants., formerly of Imperial War Museum. A beloved Tanfield and sister of Grace and John. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Family service January 14th at 3 pm. Memorial Services in London and Ypres to be announced later. Family flowers only. If desired, donations for Friends of Coumbes Moomlbatten House, c/o Jno Steel & Son, 165 Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO6 1JH. tel: (0703) 252088.

COVELL - On January 6th, 1991, in Harare Hospital, Zimbabwe, peacefully after a short illness, Oliver David, aged 15, beloved son of Tessa and David.

CRUMMACK - On January 6th 1991, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Rex Howard, of Hale, Cheshire, much loved husband of Jean, kind father of Patricia and Alison, father-in-law to Roy and a dear grandfather. Funeral Service in Rostherne Church on Monday January 14th at 1.45 pm, followed by cremation at the Altrincham Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for The Thoracic Unit at Wythenshawe Hospital may be sent to Messrs John G. Ashton & Co., Church Street, Altrincham, tel: (061) 928-7816.

DAVIES - On January 7th 1991, peacefully at home, (Professor) Thomas Vivian Davies, D.Sc. (London), of Kibworth Beauchamp, Leicestershire, aged 74 years. Loving husband of Marjorie Helen, father of Alan and Hilary and grandfather of Paul, Christopher, Robert, Neil and Megan. Funeral Service at Kettering Crematorium (Albert Munn Chapel) on Monday January 14th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation may be sent to J. Stamp and Sons Funeral Directors, 15 Kettering Road, Market Harborough, Leics. LE16 8AN, tel: (0858) 462524.

DAWES - On December 30th, peacefully in Spain, Dr. Peter, M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., aged 78, dearly loved husband of the late Dr. Joan Dawes and father to Jo, Alex and Lulu and grandfather to 7 grandchildren. Funeral at St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham, Worcs., on Monday January 14th at 2 pm. Any enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., tel: (071) 935-3728.

DONAGHEY - On January 7th 1991, peacefully after a short illness, Cyril Francis O'Brien Donaghey, recently of Nazareth House, Glasgow, formerly of Thatch Cottage, Poringland, Norwich. Beloved husband of the late Margot Donaghey and father and grandfather of Sean and his family. R.I.P.

DYK - On January 7th, peacefully in Bristol, Robert Dyk C.B.E., aged 81, surrounded by his children Robert, James and Mary. Funeral at St Stephen's, City of Bristol. St Stephen's Avenue, on Tuesday January 15th at 2.30 pm. There will be no Memorial Service.

EASTMAN - On January 7th, unexpectedly, Derek Ian Tennent - Priest. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Requiem at St Mary's Church, Beaminster, on January 12th 1991 at 2.30 pm. Memorial Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, to be announced. No flowers, donations to U.S.P.G., c/o A.J. Webley & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

EMERLEIS - On January 7th 1991, peacefully at the Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, Mary Catherine Horton, aged 84. Formerly of Lynchburg, Virginia, USA. Wife of Harry Emeleis. Funeral Service at Trumpington Parish Church, Cambridge, on Friday January 18th at 11.15 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

FINNEY - On January 7th 1991, peacefully after a short illness, Hugh Arthur Finney, ARCA, artist, in his 86th year. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Barrington, Ilminster, Somerset, on Friday January 11th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Chest, Heart and Stroke Foundation, CHSA House, 123-7 Whitecross Street, EC1Y 8JJ.

FORSEY - On January 6th, after a short stay in Kingston Hospital, Dorothy Hussey (née Essex), aged 87 years. Much loved mother of Patty and Roger, mother-in-law of Ian and Jane and grandmother of James, Tessa and Duncan, and Kate and Emily. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Thames Ditton, on Wednesday January 16th at 2 pm.

GETHING - On January 7th, suddenly, Sigrid, beloved wife of Brian and mother of Caroline and William. Funeral private.

GODDEN - On January 3rd, Commander David Jasper Godden of Fishguard, aged 76. Service in St Mary's, Fishguard, 11 am Monday January 14th, private cremation following. Family flowers only.

HAMMOND - On January 4th 1991, peacefully after a short illness, Anne, dearly loved wife of the late Mervyn, mother of Moya, Liam, Clare and Michael and grandmother of Tamsin, Robert, Fabrizio, Gabriel, Edward. Funeral Thursday January 10th, 11.30, at St Paul's R.C., Haywards Heath. Flower to J & R Matthews, High Street, Cuckfield, Sussex.

HEAD - On January 6th, at his home in Oxford, Rev. Ronald Edwin Head, Hon. Canon of Christ Church, Oxford (former Vicar of Headington Quarry, 1965-1990). Requiem Mass Holy Trinity Parish Church, Headington Quarry, 11 a.m. Friday January 11th 1991, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Clergy to robe please. Flowers may be arranged through R.L. Bromley, 145 Magdalen Road, Oxford, tel: (0865) 792227.

HENRY - On January 8th 1991, peacefully at home, Howard Michael Henry M.B.E., much loved husband of Deborah, father of Humphrey and Giles and dearly loved Grampa. Funeral private, no flowers, donations in lieu to St Luke's College, Topsham Road, Exeter.

HENSHAW - On January 6th 1991, at his home in Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, Frank (Francis), aged 61, beloved husband of Monica and a loved father. Senior Partner of Vizard, Osborne & Mellor, Solicitors, Manchester. Reception and Requiem Mass in the Christ Church, Heald Green, Cheshire, on Thursday January 10th at 8 pm. Interment at Coniston on Friday January 11th at 12 noon. All enquiries James Bradley & Sons, tel: (061) 223-0595.

HEWLETT - On January 5th, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, after a short illness, Tony, aged 71. Beloved husband of Celia and father to Tim. Funeral Service on Tuesday January 15th at All Saints Church, Headley, at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation at Guildford. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for R.N.L.I., c/o R. Timpson, Solicitors, The Round House, 34A High Street, Petersfield.

HUGHES - On Saturday January 5th 1991, at Pentlanar, 15 Coombe Road, Saltash, Harry, aged 72, beloved husband of Sylvia and father of Hilary. Funeral Friday, service Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin, Cornwall, at 2.45 pm. No flowers please. Donations in lieu for Cancer Research or Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

IREDALE - On December 12, suddenly, in Laguna Beach, California, Ralph Normal David, ARIBA, AMTPI, AIA. No services by his request. Donations if desired to Arthritis Society.

JAMES - On January 4th 1991, in a nursing home, Kathleen Nancy (née Whalley) aged 80 years. Formerly of Whaley Range, Manchester. Funeral Service in Davenham Parish Church, Northwich, on Tuesday January 15th at 2.30 pm, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Enquiries and flowers to Messrs. John G. Ashton & Co., tel: (061) 928-7816.

LEE - On Saturday January 5th, Gilbert Henry Clifton Lee, beloved husband of Kathleen, much loved father of Penny and Diana and proud grandfather and great-grandfather. His courage and determination were an inspiration to us all. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Wednesday January 16th at Christchurch, Virginia Water, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, and donations if desired to SHAK (St Helier Artificial Kidney), c/o Renal Unit, St Helier Hospital, Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, Surrey.

LEITH - On January 4th, Mary Maisi, went to be with the Lord. Funeral at St Luke's, Mildmay Grove, Canonbury, Hampstead, 10.30 am Friday January 11th. Flowers to Richard's Funeral Directors, Kentish Town Road, by the evening of the 10th. "From an angel on Earth to an angel in Heaven".

LEY - On January 8th 1991, Violet, wife of Francis Ley, of Shirley, Derbyshire. Service Bradsford Church at 2.30 pm on Friday January 11th. No flowers. Donations to Shirley Parish Church.

LOWRY-CORRY - On January 2nd 1991, in London, The Hon. Mary, in her 88th year, daughter of the 2nd Lord Biddulph. Funeral Service All Saints Church, Kemble, Gloucestershire, on Thursday January 10th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8. (071) 937-0757.

LYON - On January 4th 1991, Lady Mary Pamela Madeline Bibbi Lyon, aged 95 years. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Apperley, Glos., on Tuesday January 15th at 12 noon. Please no flowers, donations in lieu may be sent for The Red Cross & The Ledbury Hunt c/o Gerald Dawe, The Forge, Brismorton, nr. Malvern, Worcs.

MAHMOOD - On Saturday January 5th 1991, H.A. Mahmood, in a nursing home, near his home in Sussex. Beloved husband of Rene. Cremation private.

MASKELL - On January 5th, peacefully at Kestrel Grove Nursing Home, Alice Gabrielle, beloved mother of Yvonne Shaw, mother-in-law of Richard and much loved grandmother of Rupert. Funeral Service to be held on Thursday January 17th, Emmbrides to Ronald P. Sherry & Sons, 25 Bell Street, London NW1. tel: (071) 725-0425.

MOORE - On January 5th, Dorothy Vera, widow of William James Moore. Together again.

OLDKNOW - On Friday January 4th 1991, after a short illness at Nobles Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man, in his 73rd year, Brian Frederick Oldknow, late of Zebbug, Malta and previously at The White Thorn in Prestbury. Private funeral. Donations, please, to the East Cheshire Hospice c/o K.K. Teare Funeral Directors, Douglas, Isle of Man. (0624) 675123.

REDOUT - On January 7th 1991, peacefully in Jersey, Jeannette, beloved wife of the Late Col. P.M. Redout. Private funeral at the Jersey Crematorium. Donations in her memory may be sent to The Army Benevolent Fund, c/o 41 Queens Gate, South Kensington, London SW7 5HR.

ROBINSON - On January 6th 1991, peacefully at home, Thomas William Robinson O.B.E. (Bobbie), aged 77 years, of Harpenden, Herts. For many years in Diplomatic Service and U.N.D.P. Dearly loved husband of Pauline and father of Joanne, Pamela and Michael, grandfather of Luke, Lucy and baby Simon. Missed by many friends here and in Canada. Funeral Service in Clifton Cemetery, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, on January 18th at 11.15 am. Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church, Harpenden, 11.30 am January 18th. No flowers by request, donations if desired may be sent to RADAR, 25 Mortimer Street, W1N 8AB.

ROWELL - On January 5th, peacefully at Ascot, Marie, aged 87, Much loved mother of Benton and Buffy and grandmother of Jonathan and Alexandra.

RUNHAM - On January 2nd, at Hemel Hempstead Hospital, Marjory Stuart of Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, aged 57.

TRAVERS - On January 4th, in her 91st year, Dorothea Aylmer.

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An official shoulder to cry on

Yesterday's rail crash at Cannon Street has brought renewed calls for a central body to direct psychological help for survivors and relatives after a disaster. Lin Jenkins reports

Last summer, three and a half years after the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized with the loss of 192 lives, a lorry driver who had been among the survivors committed suicide. No record remains of the terror and guilt he suffered after escaping, blinded by darkness and water, from the wreckage of the ferry, leaving others behind.

The incident is one of the most poignant among many which two months ago prompted survivors of disasters and relatives of the victims to set up their own charity, Disaster Action UK, to co-ordinate long-term psychological help for those affected.

Those whose lives have been distorted by horrors such as the Bradford football ground fire, the infernos of the Piper Alpha oil platform and King's Cross underground station, or the Clapham train crash, understand the complex reactions which the doctors have labelled post-traumatic stress disorder.

'We know of lots dismissed by their doctor as not having a problem'

While counselling and psychiatric help are available after such disasters, the approach is often piecemeal and many people are left to suffer alone.

Andrew Parker, aged 37, who stretched his 6ft 3in frame across a water-filled chasm to provide a bridge for 20 trapped passengers on the Herald of Free Enterprise, later developed symptoms for which he knew he needed help. He is critical of the help offered to him initially, and says that once his physical injuries had been treated in Belgium, he and his wife, Eleanor, were sent home, bereft of further assistance.

"Basically, there was nothing to start with," he says. "Then the Herald Assistance Unit was set up and they endeavoured to contact people. They were fairly useful but after three months they ran out of money.

"People could use either the private or public sector, but there was no overall co-ordination. We were fortunate in that our GP listened, but we know of lots of others who were dismissed by their doctor as not having a problem."

Mr Parker, a former police officer now employed by a Japanese bank, was awarded the George Medal for his heroism in the disaster. He was fortunate in having the services of Commander Dr Morgan O'Connell, of the Royal Navy, one of Britain's experts in post-traumatic stress disorder. Mr Parker's former position in the police meant he could attend a month's intensive residential course which, he says, was "very helpful", but it was not open to his wife. It was partly because of experiences such as his that the new charity has been formed. "It is both to lobby Parliament and business to make sure safety standards are given the priority they should have, and secondly, to give continuing psychological backing," he says.

Maurice de Rohan, who lost his daughter in the Herald of Free Enterprise, is the chairman of the charity and of the Herald Families Association. "The question of counselling is a very vexed area," he says. "It is difficult for associations such as ours to get involved because of the lack of readily available help. There is no co-ordination of where people can go for help."

Dr Jim Swire, who lost his daughter in the Lockerbie plane bombing, is severely critical of the initial help offered to relatives of disaster victims. He, like all the other relatives of those who died at Lockerbie, was barred from seeing his child's body or learning the full extent of how she died. The explanation given was that this would pose a security risk.

"One of the most ghastly things was that we were deliberately prevented from seeing the body," he says. "Social workers were sent to Lockerbie, but their initial attempts to offer help were largely unsuccessful, although some of those who needed help were later seen elsewhere."

Many people in the medical profession believe that such criticism is justified. One of the few benefits to come from such a catalogue of death and sadness is that local health authorities are now beginning to lay plans in the event of a major disaster.

Dr Gary Jackson, a psychiatrist and research fellow at London's Middlesex Hospital stress clinic, which began a three-year research project into the handling of post-traumatic stress disorder after the King's Cross fire, believes work at the centre may provide a blueprint for future tragedies.



Not over yet: Zeebrugge hero Andrew Parker (with his wife, and George Medal) knew he needed help

He has counselled those from the Marchioness sinking on the Thames, King's Cross, the Clapham rail crash, Lockerbie, Hillsborough football stadium and Zeebrugge, as well as those who have experienced the trauma of muggings.

Dr Jackson says sufferers experience one or more of the following symptoms: intensive recollection of the event, avoidance of reminders of it and behavioural changes. "All surviving victims and some relatives of the deceased suffer some of these things for some time. The important thing is to let people know that there is help available," he says.

The victims of the Cannon Street train crash yesterday will be the first to benefit from this view. All those who go to hospital will be followed up and offered counselling. Most of the "walking wounded" will be invited back within the next two days to be assessed for the risk of psychological consequences. "Most people are very reticent and believe *they can cope on their own, but they* cannot," Dr Jackson says.

The stress clinic does not hold group therepy sessions, although some associations formed by survivors and relatives, in particular after the Marchioness sinking, have arranged such treatment and fully support it. People can also refer themselves to units such as the Middlesex Hospital stress clinic.

Those involved in stress counselling feel there will be a great need for their help after Cannon Street and Disaster Action UK is ready to give its wealth of experience. "It is a *shame*," *Mr Parker says, "that those* of us who have already suffered have been the first to see the need and do something about it."

Frank N Stein's unfriendly face?

In chasing late-payers, utility companies are under fire for not separating the 'cannots' from the 'will nots'

BRITAIN'S gas and electricity companies, no longer protected by government monopolies, are increasingly eager to present an acceptable face to their customers, according to Professor Stephen Littlechild, the director-general of Electricity Supply at the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer).

Some customers are surprised, though, to find that the "acceptable face" may demand security deposits from those considered persistent late-payers. The electricity suppliers' right to demand a "reasonable" security deposit was enshrined in the 1989 Electricity Act. But the National Consumer Council (NCC), which says it first learnt that the companies were charging security deposits towards the end of last year, is against the custom. "We knew they had the powers but we didn't think they were doing it," a spokesman says. "We regard it more as a fine for late payment or non-payment rather than a deposit. We don't understand the logic behind it. Often people are late paying because they don't have any money, so to threaten to withdraw their electricity if they don't pay more money is nonsense."



Frank N Stein power

While many consumers are genuinely unable to pay their utility bills, others who can — frequently middle-class professionals — deliberately wait until the final demand before paying up. While the electricity companies do not break down their debtors into the "cannots" and "will nots", British Gas warns customers that "if you can pay, but regularly delay your payment until we send you a disconnection notice, we may have to take special action". A spokesman said the "special action" might be "applying for a warrant to disconnect you".

More than 75 per cent of domestic electricity consumers pay on their first bill. About 60,000 — out of a total of 20 million — annually pay security deposits to the 14 electricity companies. The amount varies — the average is about £100 — but it is normally one and half times the customer's average electricity bill.

Legally, domestic gas and electricity customers who do not pay their bills can be cut off 20 working days after receiving their first bill, plus two days' notice. London Electricity customers are asked to put up "a security payment" of £100 if, on two consecutive quarters, they fail to pay after receiving their second reminder. If the customer then pays the bills on time, the deposit is returned between 12 and 18 months later, together with interest.

Barbara Montoute, a Merseyside fuel rights adviser and the vice-chairman of the National Right to Fuel Campaign, says that one of her objections to security deposits, which she also regards as late-payment fines, is that "you can't possibly distinguish between who can and won't pay and those who can't". She believes that the electricity companies have only recently been implementing their deposit policies.

In the gas industry, security deposits (about £100 and paid with interest when returned) seem less of a problem. The Gas Consumers Council (GCC) received 87 complaints about them between January and November last year out of a total of 19,500, compared with 112 the previous year. A GCC spokesman said: "British Gas is behaving a lot more reasonably about security deposits. In the early years of privatisation it was a frequent cause of complaint."

Out of the 10,000 formal complaints that Offer has received in its nine months of existence, only 250 were about security deposits. "I don't think there is any evidence to suggest that the companies are demanding any more security deposits than normal," says Tony Boorman, Offer's director of consumer affairs.

Teresa Perchard, a social policy officer with the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, is concerned that electricity security deposits are being "bumped up. We've had quite a number of cases recently where the amounts demanded seem to us to be unreasonable."

She is anxious that Professor Littlechild should "intervene quickly" by laying down more precise rules as to who can be asked to pay and how much he or she can be charged. "At the moment it's up to the companies and it's all fairly loose."

SALLY BROMPTON

How to wear parents down

You don't have to feel guilty to cater to your children's every (outrageously expensive) whim, but it helps

Children as young as four would not be seen dead in a tracksuit or pair of trainers which do not carry a designer label. This phenomenon, already familiar to parents of sophisticated blackmailers, is revealed this week in a report from the National Consumer Council (NCC), based on interviews with mothers in Sheffield and London.

The mothers surveyed claimed it was the fault of the advertising industry and rock videos that they were bullied into buying £120 shoes, and these may indeed be partly to blame. But psychological warfare is very often something that today's children learn at the judge's knee in the divorce court.

The NCC report concludes that single parents are the most vulnerable to young whinging, because they feel a need to compensate for what they think their children are missing. This is probably why I bought my 14-year-old daughter Christian Dior's Poison for £20, instead of a bottle of the sort of innocent scent she ought to be wearing at her age. A colleague who travels a lot admits she over-compensates her teenage daughter for her long absences, as well as for divorcing her father, by buying outrageously extravagant clothes. This particular girl and her schoolfriends are currently wild about the Dutch designs of Oilily in Sloane Street (one recent purchase was a £170 jacket), so in order to go one better she took her daughter off to the firm's headquarters in The Netherlands to buy the very, very latest and gain some kind of classroom cred.

That is nothing. If divorce provides substantial fuel for this supposed consumer boom by way of competition and compensation, it also creates a means for an "ex", or a new partner, to exercise power. A friend was forced to smile, albeit through clenched teeth, when the woman her former husband left home for bought their 14-year-old daughter her first ball dress. "It was absolutely gorgeous, cost a fortune and I thought, how do I compete with that?" she says.

Of course it is not just a breakdown of the family which is making children demand the best. Designer clothes are well made, and we all want our children to look good, although I find I can forgo some of that pleasure in favour of not acquiring an overdraft. One friend has hit on a truly sneaky way of weaning her teenaged daughter off the sort of laughably expensive trainers she persuaded her father to buy at Christmas. This is not a ploy she is particularly proud of but you will, I am sure, acknowledge its efficacy. It is the Turkish carpet story modified to suit shoes, the one about them being made by poor children in Third World countries who get paid a pittance. You can back this up with a rumour about the dyes being tested on animals.

There is a huge snob element about designer labels which, this being Britain, is fiendishly complicated. Where I live in southeast London children apparently get mugged for their trainers, but my sister, whose son goes to Radley, says sniffily that the whole thing is very common and comprehensive. At Radley, she says, they compete for who can wear the scruffiest clothes imaginable. My nephew wears his father's shoes, so perhaps public school is cheaper in the long run.

Predictably, perhaps, left-wing intellectuals will have no truck with their children trying to keep up with the Jones minors. An economics lecturer told me that it is a way for people to show off their wealth, and is a throwback to the days when the poor could afford only plimsoles or hob-nailed boots. Admitting that he is quite dictatorial with his teenagers, he described those who did indulge in the designer label cult as "suckers".

Equally predictable is Gordon Gillick (husband of Victoria), who also scoffed at what he called "the Escort-driving moron". One of his sons, he told me proudly, had just bought himself a new overcoat with a cashmere collar and sheepskin lining, for all the world the coat of a dyed-in-the-wool plutocrat. Not new to him, it cost only £3. But then the Gillicks are "artistic" and "eccentric". For the rest of us who do not have children who can buy something at an army surplus store, dye it and call it style, designer labels will have to do.

Not only am I contemplating buying an Escort, but I have only recently realised that Naf-Naf is not the same as naff. Or is it?

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Sometimes I just sits

THE latest "Leisure Intelligence Report" from the market research group Mintel confirms what most of us suspect: 70 per cent of the population spend much of their leisure time doing absolutely nothing. "Just sitting and relaxing or daydreaming" is one of the most popular British pastimes. A third of adults spend up to three hours a week doing nothing, 8 per cent spend seven to ten hours inactive, while a "bone idle" core of 12 per cent does nothing at all for more than ten hours a week. The report says that men are much better at being idle than women, possibly because they have an average of ten hours or more free time at the weekend.

Bearding Santa

BARELY has the debris of Christmas past been swept away than manufacturers are preparing for Christmas yet to come. Royal Doulton has just issued its 1991 catalogue, including its family Christmas plate for the year. The plate depicts a business-suited woman fitting a beard on her husband, who is preparing to play the part of Father Christmas.

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THERE are still a few places left for the opening sessions of the Liberty sewing school, which begins its programme on January 17 with a course in ladies' tailoring (£60 for six weekly sessions), and includes lessons in creating ball gowns, wedding gowns and "silk silhouettes". Course prices start at £40 for a one-day workshop in paper patterns (February 28), to £280 for a ten-week course in boning and beading. Liberty sewing school, Regent Street, London W1R 6AH (071-734 1234).

Date of the art

THE London Contemporary Art Fair, from January 24 to 27, provides an opportunity to pick up original works from about £20 to £20,000. Experts, including Sarah Jane Checkland of *The Times*, and Roger de Grey, the president of the Royal Academy of Arts, will mingle with amateur enthusiasts. The fair will be at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 (071-359 3535).

In the flesh

THE 1991 Ehrman tapestry and knitting catalogue (£1 from Ehrman, 14-16 Lancer Square, Kensington Church Street, London W8 4EP) is so tempting that there is little need to visit the shop. But the company discovered that its range of wallpapers and fabrics — many by the leading needlework designer Kaffe Fasset — was not selling well by mail order. "Customers wanted to see them in situ where they could really appreciate the pattern . . . It was impossible to imagine from catalogue photographs and small samples sent through the post what they would be like when up," the company says. Now there is the new Ehrman wallpaper and fabric shop at 21-22 Vicarage Gate, Kensington, London W8 4AA (071-937 5077), while the tapestries and knitwear can be seen made up at the equally stylish new tapestry and knitwear shop at Lancer Square, which offers ready-made pieces for sale as well as kits, canvases and yarns.

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BRIEFING

Officially unique

LEA Salonga, star of *Miss Saigon*, has been told she can star in the Broadway version of the hit musical, after all. American Equity had said that an American actress should play the part of the bar girl because the 19-year-old Filipina did not have the star status required for a transatlantic transfer. Now, after three weeks of consideration, an arbitrator has ruled that Salonga is an actor "providing unique services". Technically, therefore, she is a star and can join Jonathan Pryce (*also* initially barred from Broadway) for the April opening in New York. "I'm so very, very happy, so excited," Salonga said yesterday in Manila, where she has been spending Christmas with her family.



Lea Salonga: to Broadway

Nuttin' of plenty

DESPITE the proven profitability of Peter Schaufuss's version of *The Nutcracker*, English National Ballet is shopping around for another. Director Ivan Nagy has announced that the company will mount a new production next season to replace Schaufuss's labyrinthine re-working of Tchaikovsky's ballet. The current production (final performance at the Festival Hall on Saturday) continues to set box-office records, netting £955,000 so far this season.

Last chance . . .

AFTER an extended, sold-out run, Orange Tree Theatre's powerful version of George Eliot's *Adam Bede* officially closes on Saturday, but there will be a final performance, on Sunday evening: a benefit for Richmond's Vineyard Project, the hostel recently damaged by fire. Tickets are £10, bookable on 081-940 3633. Meanwhile, the Orange Tree's own campaign for more space comes to fruition next month when a new theatre opens in the gutted and reconstructed school across the road.

THEATRE

Making do and pending

Kenneth Rea assesses the response to his Gulbenkian Foundation report on the training of theatre directors, published a year ago

MARK ELLIDGE



One of the busy ones: National Theatre director Nicholas Hytner at work with English National Opera

Max Stafford-Clark, normally a passionate believer in director-training, asks sceptically: "Is it worth training people for a job in which they're not going to be able to earn a living?" Despite a crisis of funding, he still has apprentices at the Royal Court, but as he points out, the crunch comes after the training. Half the theatre directors in Britain earn less than £5,000 a year."You have to ask what level of masochism it is that will keep somebody doing that at the age of 26 or 27," he says, "rather than going into television or directing *EastEnders*, or *Casualty*."

The issues of training were the subject of my report, *A Better Direction*, which the Gulbenkian Foundation published almost a year ago. Provoking a blaze of controversy, the report concluded that, great though it may sometimes be, the British theatre is built on a foundation of amateurism where most of the people who direct plays for a living have learnt their job simply by doing it.

Two solutions were proposed: an immediate network of training opportunities for working directors and others to fill the gaps in their own experience, and a long-term plan to set up at least one properly funded three-year professional course in directing for the theatre.

But reports often have a habit of raising a rumpus for a week or two, then gathering dust. After a year, has this one really changed anything?

Although the debate will probably continue for a long while yet, most directors now agree that there are identifiable skills which could only be improved by good training. Not only has there been a shift in attitude, but ideas are becoming a reality. Last month, the Directors' Training Council held its first meeting. Several other important initiatives are under way.

One of the first organisations to respond to the report was the Institut Français, which is planning a symposium to be held in London next summer. Leading European directors such as Peter Brook, Peter Stein, Patrice Chéreau and Giorgio Strehler are being invited to come and share their views on the craft of directing. This symposium will be open to a large number of British directors.

The International Workshop Festival is planning a Soviet season next autumn in which several eminent directors, including Anatoli Vasiliev and Robert Sturua, will work with British actors and directors. Also in the autumn, the *Japan 1991* festival will have workshops (for example, in *Noh* Theatre) open to directors.

Attitudes to director-training are also strengthening within the theatre establishment. Under Adrian Noble, the Royal Shakespeare Company is aware that if its artistic future is to be secure, a new breed of directors must urgently be nurtured.

As executive producer Michael Attenborough says: "The question of training will be a vital strand of our work – training for actors, writers, designers and most certainly directors. We'll broaden the range of opportunities available to our assistant directors and we shall launch our new summer school for directors, drawing in particular on talent from the regions. Much of this activity will centre on The Other Place when it re-opens in July. In the long term, we hope to involve major directors from abroad."

At the National, Richard Eyre says: "The Gulbenkian report has raised consciousness and it has obliged people to ask themselves questions. We now have a more considered approach to the appointment of staff directors, who are assistants but are also responsible for overseeing the show once it is on. They will be more involved in the NT Studio and, in a sense, will be able to flex their directing muscles. Over a longer term, they would see us working towards a policy which is much closer to the RSC's policy of taking on directors whom you are prepared to stand by for several years."

The new head of the NT Studio, Sue Higginson, continues the system of attachments for young directors to work with professional actors away from the pressures of public performances, while Frank Nealon, head of staff directors, has devised what he calls "a crash course of the National Theatre", to cope with the hoards of people who ask to observe rehearsals.

Fewer people will be taken in, but they will get a much more intensive experience. Each year, four young directors will be offered attachments of between two and three months.

Those who accept will attend rehearsals for various productions, have access to almost anyone in the building and, at the end of their stay, will direct a short workshop production with professional actors. David McVicar, a Glasgow director, will be the first to take up his attachment next Monday.

Nothing, however, can beat a solid professional training, and until that happens, directors will continue to acquire their skills in a haphazard way. As Richard Eyre says: "It is a terrible shame that there is no directors' course of any sort of seriousness.

"This is why, I think, there are so many directors who went to Cambridge University. It is not because there is a mafia connection. It is because, uniquely, it has an amateur theatre that's very well equipped and well endowed, and directors get their experience there in a way that they cannot get in any other student context in the country."

Perhaps the most important consequence of *A Better Direction* is the recent setting up of the Directors' Training Council. Its job will be to plan and co-ordinate the overall development in director-training throughout the country. With a high-level representation of workers, trainers and employers, it will steer through the recommendations of the report, pressure for the necessary funding and help establish good standards of professional training.

Meanwhile, stories abound of untrained directors abusing their powers, behaving appallingly towards people they work with and showing complete incompetence. One day, some of them will have the chance to be among the best trained in the world. The difference will, I hope, be apparent on both sides of the curtain.

GALLERIES

Cutters remarked

A London exhibition by four women engravers, reviewed by Jim McCue

Sarah Van Niekerk, one of four women wood-engravers whose work is showing at Duncan Campbell's London gallery, says: "Engraving is so slow that it is essential to make the preliminary drawing quickly if the finished block is not to appear static." Though it must have cost her pains to engrave, "Rooks" – its jagged branches silhouetted against stark white paper – has the electric immediacy of lightning.

Rachel Reckitt's dark vision demonstrates a different mastery. Whether depicting a stampeding bull, the bulk of Battersea Power Station glimpsed from wartime ruins, or the muscular effort of "Fire-Welding", her theme is struggle between forces of chaos and life. Her big prints are dense with Hopkins' "manmarks treadmire toil" – fishermen, for instance, bowed and burdened by coils of rope. As well as the weight of tombstones and the menace of the Old Testament (illustrations to the Psalms), she shows brute stone, iron and wood, sheared, buckled and splintered. It comes as little surprise that in her eighties she still wrights iron.

Gwenda Morgan has a more comfortable rural idiom. Several of her engravings reinterpret traditional scenes ("Nativity", "The Seasons"), and many are divided into panels, either formally as in one tiny triptych, or by ingenious technical means. "By the River" is apparently hinged along bold oblique cuts into several views: fishing, rowing, feeding swans and so on. The engraving of "The Two Houses" – one founded upon a rock, one swept away by a torrent – is scissored by slashing rain.

Like Gwenda Morgan, Sarah Van Niekerk occasionally uses a storyboard layout. "The Life of St Cuthbert", for instance, is a hagiography in several episodes, from Cuthbert's conversion by a ministering angel through his years at Lindisfarne to the tomb. The style here is at once modern and infused with the benign comedy of early medieval icons.

Van Niekerk achieves remarkable grain and texture: bark, the stones of a castle, canopies of leaves, and especially the contrasting coats of sheep, pigs, cats. The distinctness of the breeds she shears on her woodblocks would have delighted Agnes Miller Parker (1895-1980), ten of whose animal engravings are also for sale at the show.

● Four Wood Engravers *is at Duncan Campbell Fine Art, 15 Thackeray Street, London W8 (071-937 8665) until January 25*



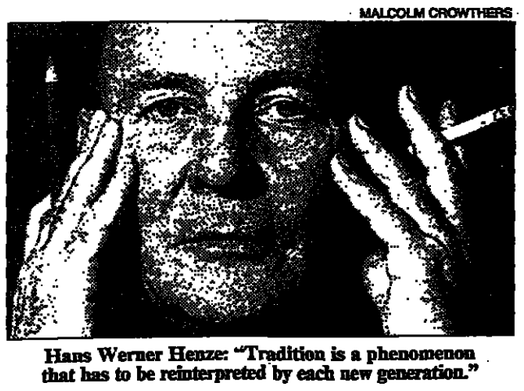
Electric immediacy: "Rooks" by Sarah Van Niekerk

CLASSICAL MUSIC

One man's quest for freedom

Hans Werner Henze, featured composer in a BBC festival, talks to Stephen Pettitt

MALCOLM CROWTHERS



Hans Werner Henze: "Tradition is a phenomenon that has to be reinterpreted by each new generation."

Surprisingly, Hans Werner Henze claims he has never made political statements in his music. "Rather, I have made artistic statements inspired by ideas concerned with the human condition, and with the individual's struggle for survival and freedom," he says. From a man who publicly aligned himself with revolutionary left-wing politics in the Sixties and Seventies, such a denial might startle those who judge from repute.

He does not proselytise, he insists, but merely writes from personal conviction about the world. He is still, nevertheless, a member of the Italian Communist Party, though he has clear views about the recently deposed communist regimes in Eastern Europe. "Since Paul Dessau's death I did not feel obliged to visit the DDR anymore. Of course we have no way yet of telling if efforts have been or will be made to achieve a new form, a better form of communal life in these countries. But I know from people I have met in those places as friends – musicians and probably privileged – that things did not look promising.

"They were obliged to operate an antiquated system of government imposed by the victorious Soviets. But you cannot patronise, deprive and bully people and expect them to be grateful. That sort of thing brought back all the *Polizeiangst* of Nazi times."

Henze's profound disquiet with German ways after the war (on one occasion he was hauled into the local police station to be interrogated about his homosexuality, which at that time he was forced to deny) led to his move to Italy in the early Fifties. Much of his work since then has been seen as an emblem of his struggle either to reconcile himself with, or reject, the Germanic within him.

His quest for personal and artistic freedom has taken him on a sometimes bewilderingly eclectic path. In the BBC's retrospective festival this week, for instance, audiences will be granted an opportunity – too rare in this country – to hear a number of pieces from the late Fifties in which he attempted to rid himself of the Germanic elements of his language.

"In pieces such as *Nachtstücke und Arien*, the Neapolitan *Lieder* and the ballet *Ondine* I was trying to write using fewer layers, to give more light and transparency to the music, to make it simple and precise, like the Italian language." Nowadays, however, he does seem to have effected the reconciliation, both linguistically and spiritually. "The aim", he says, "to reveal something like that is still there. But usually after eight bars which could be left alone, I invent a counter-element to destroy that simplicity."

The works for the BBC's festival have been selected by Henze and BBC producer Clive Bennett. "We tried to be as representative as possible, and we haven't chosen necessarily the best pieces. We are trying to show, for instance, the variety of the early pieces and their influences on later ones. Last night I was working on the ballet *Rosa Silber*. I had completely forgotten this piece. But now I can see it contains two elements that recur a great deal in my music. There is the presence of folksong, of traditional tunes on one side, and on the other the presence of rhythms that stem from older music and dances.

"Actually, this piece is a set of variations on an old French folk tune. That is another constant in my music, the principle of variation. That is one challenge which I respond to, how to go about developing music from one motif."

Does that apply even to such enormously complicated pieces as the Fifth and Sixth Symphonies? "Yes. I have always had a strong interest in the procession of chords as a tool of expression through harmonic structures. That is very traditional, of course. Boulez always said that working with old structures was a bad thing. But I have tried to adapt old structures to suit my artistic needs. Tradition is a phenomenon that has to be reinterpreted by each new generation."

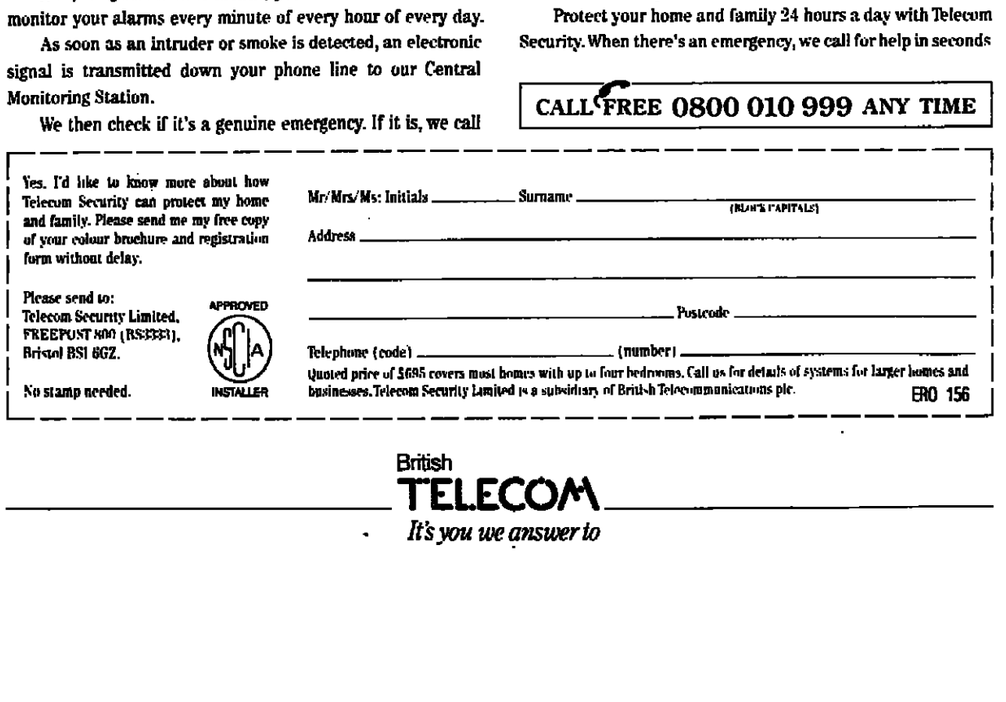
One of the festival's concerts, that to be given under the composer's own direction by the young British ensemble Parnassus, includes two sections from a composite work in progress called *Requiem*. Henze is an agnostic, so why the title? "This is a piece for a large instrumental ensemble. There are no voices, and it's to be in nine sections, each called "Geistliche Konzert". The first movement, "Introitus", was written as a response to Michael Vyner's death and was first played at his memorial concert last year." The complete work is dedicated to the memory of the London Sinfonietta's artistic director.

What news of other imminent works? "There is an Eighth Symphony for the Boston Philharmonic, and a Ninth for the Berlin Philharmonic, where I have been appointed composer-in-residence." While Britain awaits those, the BBC's festival offers another rare chance, that of hearing again the eloquent and dramatic Holderlin-inspired Seventh Symphony of 1984, for him a watershed of which a commercial recording is now overdue.

Does Henze's determined severance from the ways of the post-Webernians in the Fifties mean that he has little respect for the avant-gardists who would seek to change everything and create new musical languages? "There was a radical movement against tradition and I think it was a historical necessity. But that doesn't mean you have to follow the figures who do that kind of thing. A great number of new discoveries have been made, new electronic sounds which have enriched the spectrum and which composers like me can now use."

If not exactly a disciple, is he at least an interested observer of Stockhausen, Boulez and the rest? "No, I do not follow those colleagues' developments, but that goes for them too. We are just too busy exploring our own worlds."

● *The BBC Henze Festival begins tomorrow with one of two performances of the recent Montepulciano production of the opera* The English Cat *at the Guildhall School of Music. From Friday, for five consecutive days, there are concerts and free foyer events at the Barbican, some to be broadcast live on Radio 3.*



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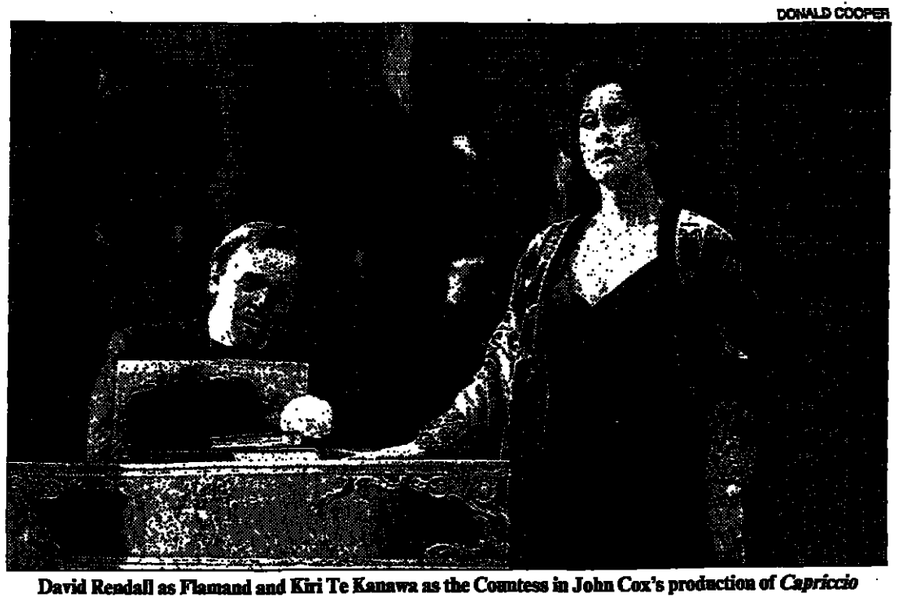
THE Countess in Strauss's *Capriccio* dithers famously over the Great Operatic Question: which one is paramount, words or music? Advance word about John Cox's new production suggested that an entirely new answer was to be offered: the costumes.

But no one has yet come out of an opera house whistling the couture. Gianni Versace's exotic 1920s creations – culminating in a hooped dress of spectacular girth for the actress Clairon, and a shimmering black and silver gown for the indecisive Countess – did not take over this most cerebral of operas, as might have been feared. They did, however, prick its pomposity with a bit of cheek and a little chic, even if they jarred against Mauro Pagano's cluttered, classical backcloth.

They probably also sent out all the wrong signals to the Royal Opera's parsimonious paymasters. As Dame Kiri Te Kanawa told a Sunday newspaper: "Do you *realise* how much those dresses cost?" Shared production costs with San Francisco Opera and sponsorship by Goldman Sachs presumably helped to ease the pain.

Turning the stage into a kind of Versace catwalk did serve to underline the crucial artificiality of Strauss's last opera, where the subject is the purpose of opera itself. The Countess's symbolic choice between the rival adorations of poet and composer may initially motivate the drama. But the fundamental question it poses is whether art, and civilised discourse about art (of which this opera has a mountain), is rendered hopelessly irrelevant in a world on the edge of catastrophe.

DONALD COOPER



David Rendall as Flamand and Kiri Te Kanawa as the Countess in John Cox's production of *Capriccio*

Strauss was writing in Germany in 1942; the opera is set in France just before the Revolution. Cox updates it to late 1920s France (making the discussion of Gluck's reforms of 18th-century opera sound rather bizarre). But the message would have equal force if it were set in, say, the Royal Opera House on the eve of a Gulf war. As the theatre impresario La Roche fervently asks in his biggest number (powerfully delivered by Franz Ferdinand Nentwig): where is the art that catches what people feel in their hearts?

Unfortunately, this performance took some time to sound heartfelt. True, Strauss called *Capriccio* a "conversation piece", and Cox's elegantly grouped staging rightly emphasised that. But the musical effects under Jeffrey Tate's direction, though neatly delivered, also seemed unnecessarily salon-sized, which was surely not Strauss's intention. The score has sumptuous passages for big orchestra that were barely uncorked here. Strauss's sly digs at Verdi and a host of other composers needed more flamboyant delivery; the chamber music coming from the stage musicians simply needed more notes in tune.

Only with the entry of the "Italian" singers (ripely caricatured by Bonaventura Bottone and Lillian Watson), and with a brilliantly rancorous octet, was the company fully roused. Yet within this subdued aura were some pleasurable performances. Dame Kiri's Countess was a lovely, pampered creature: the voice was creamy even in quiet exchanges, and her final soliloquy found her in glorious form. Thomas Allen brought characteristic gusto as the Count, and Anne Howells added some delightful comic touches as Clairon.

Where the two arty rivals should make their presence felt, however, is at present only a grey area: William Shimell (Olivier) and David Rendall (Flamand) vie only in undifferentiated earnestness, though each sang pleasantly enough. No wonder the Countess cannot decide between them.

RICHARD MORRISON



Spoof of a mercenary: Alan Cumming as the conman

THEATRE

Accidental Death of an Anarchist
Cottesloe

DARIO FO wrote this battling farce in 1970, by way of exposing and avenging a manifest wrong. The year before, an anarchist called Pinelli had crashed from the fourth floor of the police station where he was being quizzed about a crime he could not have committed. Precisely how and why he died remains unclear; but Fo was perfectly right to have suggested that he was a fall-guy in a double sense. As it turned out, members of the extreme right, not the raggle-taggle left, set the bomb which killed 17 in Milan's Agricultural Bank.

The play had considerable success in the West End a decade ago, and now here it is again, presented by the National's touring arm. Its revival raises the same question as its British premiere, but more emphatically. Why should we be interested in a piece which was topical years ago, and anyway involves someone else's scandal?

In 1980, fun was almost too much the answer. Fo himself complained that Gavin Richards's adaptation opted for "solutions which are exclusively comic"; certainly, there must have been many who left Wyndham's not quite realising that they had been laughing merrily away at an Italian communist's attack on bourgeois society and its institutions. Notwithstanding references to Kent State University, Ohio, and what the printed text called "examples of political murder and state repression in Britain", the evening was all sugar-coating and no pill.

Alan Cumming and Tim Supple's version at the National aspires to be meatier and more medicinal. The plot is the same, at least until the denouement. A trickster passes himself off as an investigating magistrate, and, under the guise of helping them, manoeuvres the police into hoisting themselves with their verbal petards. Before long, they are desperately agreeing, not just that Pinelli was a secret acrobat, but that he leapt from an awkwardly placed window out of sheer *joie de vivre*, so genial was his interrogation. But the style of Supple's production is not as relentlessly burlesque as Richards's. It is not as funny, either.

True, some updated *commedia dell'arte* survives. If Cumming's sly, winking conman does not disguise himself as Long John Silver complete with parrot, as Richards's counterpart oddly did at one moment, he still hops round the stage on one leg, his plastic hand and eyepatch finishing the spoof picture of a veteran mercenary. But even here the first-night audience's laughter seemed sketchy and sporadic. In avoiding flippancy, the production had marooned itself in some no-man's-land between knockabout and realism.

Nor is the didacticism very effective. Richards was rightly criticised for an ending which appeared to recommend left-wing terror as a riposte to right-wing atrocity; but there is not much juice in Cumming and Supple's replacement, in which some sniffy remarks about social democracy and President Reagan are followed by a curiously incoherent passage about the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six. This parallel is predictable, yet still feels tacked on as an afterthought. Italy 1969 and Britain 1991 do not, after all, seem as close as we are meant to think.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CONCERT

Mozart Festival
Wigmore Hall

TWO of the very finest among Mozart's chamber works, one for strings, the other mainly for wind instruments, launched the first of the year's bicentenary "festivals" to commemorate the anniversary of his death. This one is a week of nightly programmes of chamber music under the artistic direction of the violinist György Pauk, who is taking part in all but two.

He yielded precedence at the start to his fellow Hungarians of the Takács Quartet, whose youthful vitality ensured keen attention to the A major Quartet (K 464). It is a work dear to the hearts of Mozartians for a variety of qualities, not least the skill and refinement of its balance and detail, and the way that its richness of meaning can be progressively uncovered from one movement to the next.

This performance, however, did not penetrate very far. For the most part it was tense and highly strung, sturdy of character in the first two movements and becoming darkly dramatic at the point where the variation movement turns to the minor, instead of deepening the music's emotional weights. Yet the separation, as well as blend of the instrumental parts, was always firmly judged and technically proficient.

Scholars still dispute the date of composition for the Serenade in B flat for 13 instruments (K 361), between the possibility of it having been first played at Mozart's own wedding in 1782 and the certainty that part was performed in Vienna two years later. Such an ebullient, cheerful, spirited yet expressive account of it as the Chamber Orchestra of Europe Wind Soloists gave argued strongly for a festive occasion.

This came across as being almost too big a work to sound well in forte passages in this particular hall, but the interplay of instrumental colours between basset-horns, clarinets and oboes, for instance, was both bright and beguiling. The performance held such poise between smoothness of ensemble and different qualities of individual tone and expression as to demonstrate how Mozart here sought and found textures new.

NOEL GOODWIN

NEW RELEASES

AIR AMERICA (18): Mel Gibson and Robert Downey Jr. as maverick pilots mired in an off-shoot of the Vietnam war. Loud, crass, and demeaning; director, Roger Spottiswoode.
Odeon West End (071-930 5252/7615).

♦ ARACHNOPHOBIA (PG): Deadly spiders rampage through a cosy Californian community. Enjoyable thriller filled with humour and suspense tricks learned from Hitchcock. Jeff Daniels, John Goodman; director, Frank Marshall.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

♦DELTA FORCE 2 (18): Chuck Norris and a handful of marines destroy a Colombian drug cartel. Slick, mindless action fantasy; director, Aaron Norris.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

THE GARDEN (15): The Passion according to Derek Jarmen – a powerful, elegiac tapestry of scenes and images woven round themes of death, religion and gay sex.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443).

THE NASTY GIRL (PG): Provocative, funny assault on Germany's Nazi past, with Lena Stolze as the girl uncovering her home town's shady history. Wider-director, Michael Verhoeven.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3398).

SECRET WEDDING: Part political parable, part off-beat romance between a freed prisoner and his former lover: an engrossing film from Argentinian director Alejandro Agresti.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

CURRENT

ALMOST AN ANGEL (PG): *Crocodile Dundee* star Paul Hogan as a professional thief who believes he has returned from the dead to do good deeds. Feeble excursion into supernatural whimsy; director John Cornell, with Linda Kozlowski.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): Jane Campion's excellent film about the New Zealand writer Janet Frame.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ BLUE STEEL (18): Tough, blood-spattered police thriller with a feminist slant, from director Kathryn Bigelow. Jamie Lee Curtis stars as a rookie cop embroiled with a psychopathic killer.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

COME SEE THE PARADISE (15): Alan Parker's romantic drama about the American treatment of the Japanese after Pearl Harbor; handsomely mounted, though the script sprawls and the director needs calming down. With Dennis Quaid.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

THE COMFORT OF STRANGERS (18): Rupert Everett and Natasha Richardson mooching around Venice, falling prey to the warped Christopher Walken. Lebonous psychological drama.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737).

♦ FANTASIA (U): Disney's famous visualisation of popular concert classics ricochets between the charming, the clever, and the disastrously cute. With Mickey Mouse as the Sorcerer's Apprentice.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ FLATLINERS (15): Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts and Kevin Bacon as medical students probing the boundaries between death and life. Director, Joel Schumacher.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ GHOST (12): Jerry Zucker's supernatural thriller. Bizarre, incoherent, but absorbing while it lasts.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ GOODFELLAS (18): Martin Scorsese's gangster epic following a New York hoodlum's rise and fall. With Robert De Niro.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ HENRY AND JUNE (18): Anais Nin's passionate affair with Henry Miller in bohemian Paris recreated with a grandiose flair by director Philip Kaufman.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ HOME ALONE (PG): Plucky kid left alone at Christmas wards off bumbling burglars. Broad, machine-tooled American family fun from writer-producer John Hughes. A big US hit.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ THE HOT SPOT (18): Raging sexual fires and duplicity in a lazy Texas town, debauchously evoked by director Dennis Hopper. Don Johnson as the drifter who unearths a hornet's nest.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

METROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stillman's wickedly ironic comedy of manners set among New York's debutantes and preppies over one Christmas holiday. Witty dialogue, engaging young actors, elegant direction.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Lumière (071-836 0691).

♦ THE NEVERENDING STORY PART 2 (U): A return visit to the land of Fantasia. Visually spectacular, but the plot is a jumble and an unlikeable child actor, Jonathan Brandis, spoils some of the fun.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ PRESUMED INNOCENT (15): Alan J. Pakula's riveting, thoughtful version of Scott Turow's bestseller, with Harrison Ford and Greta Scacchi.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) filmed with a warming visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci with John Malkovich and Debra Winger.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG): Noisy, charmless feature-length advert for the new pop culture fad.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THREE SISTERS (12): Chekhov updated to an Italian university town in the 1980s. Sparks fly from all three actresses (Fanny Ardant, Greta Scacchi, Valeria Golino), yet the film stays in low gear. Director, Margarethe von Trotta.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

TIME OF THE GYPSIES (15): Noisy account of Yugoslav gypsy youngsters conscripted into an army of thieves. Dazzling set-pieces, but the disjointed narrative saps the film's energy. Director, Emir Kusturica.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742).

♦ WILD AT HEART (18): David Lynch's rollicking tale of psychotic evil and sexual passion rampaging through America's heartland.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

A WORLD WITHOUT PITY (15): Life and loves of a Parisian layabout; a promising debut by young French director Eric Rochant, with disarming performances (Hippolyte Girardot, Mireille Perrier).
Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ ADAM BEDE: Strongly acted and stirring version of George Eliot's novel, set in a long-vanished rural England.
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Road, Richmond (081-940 3633). Underground: Richmond. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Last week.

☐ BOOKENDS: Disappointingly empty tale of two literary blokes: Michael Hordern and Dinsdale Landen try to find some content.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs. Last week.

■ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jazzy revue packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins.

☐ GASLIGHT: Annie Castledine's superbly atmospheric production of Patrick Hamilton's thriller. Performances excellent, the plot gripping.
Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). British Rail: Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed-Fri, 3.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins. Ends February 2.

☐ GASPING: John Gordon Sinclair and Jim Carter in Ben Elton's greenish comedy. Rather over the top but lots of laughs.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Ends February 16.

☐ GREEN FINGERS: Newcastle's gay underworld revealed in Michael Wilcox's absorbing courtroom drama. Acted with subtlety and pep.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. Running time: 2hrs. Ends February 3.

☐ INTO THE WOODS: Sondheim's witty mix of fairytales; grimmer than Grimm in the first half, turns stealthy thereafter.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-240 9661). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins.

☐ MAN OF THE MOMENT: Ayckbourn in top form: good meets evil on the Costa del Crime. With Nigel Planer and Gareth Hunt.

THEATRE GUIDE

Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Last week.

☐ OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden puffs, Michael Williams panics, in latest Ray Cooney farce: over-plotted, under-developed.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Holborn. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

■ PIANO: Awkward but highly watchable extension by Trevor Griffiths of Chekhovian themes and characters.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☐ PRIVATE LIVES: Keith Baxter, Joan Collins and Sera Crowe in Coward's comedy. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Ends January 26.

☐ RACING DEMON: David Hare's award-winning state-of-the-church drama. National (Oliver), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins.

☐ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's seduction play. Gainsh, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

■ RICHARD III: Sir Ian McKellen's chilling dictator in Richard Eyre's 1930s-style production, back in the repertoire between legs of its world tour.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, Sat, 7pm.

Toomer and Aaron Shorr with David Mattinson on bass-baritone.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), until Friday.

POTTER SCIENCE: Before Beatrix Potter became a famous writer and illustrator of children's books, she was a very exact archeological draughtsman. This show consists principally of drawings she made between 1894 and 1895 of Roman objects from the bed of the Walbrook.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (071-600 3699), until January 27.

LION LORE: The Lion of St Mark from Venice must be the most famous jigsaw puzzle in the world. Its date may be a mystery but the British Museum helps solve the enigma.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555), until January 13.

TODAY'S EVENTS

OLIVIER: The National Youth Music Theatre presents Lionel Bart's ever-popular musical – not seen on the London stage for nine years – performed by a cast of children led by professional actors.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm.

YOUNG MUSICIANS: The annual Park Lane Group Young Artists and 20th Century Music week at the Purcell Room is an unrivalled opportunity to catch the best up-and-coming musicians, performing rare or new music. Today features percussionist Richard Benjafield (6.30pm) and pianists Clare

DIE FLEDERMAUS: Malvina Major makes her company debut as the glamorous Rosalind in the penultimate performance of John Cox's production for the Royal Opera; strong support from Judith Howarth, Anthony Michaels-Moore and Eric Garrett. The Royal Ballet's Fiona Brockway also makes her company debut tonight, accompanied by Phillip Broomhead. Richard Bonynge conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7pm.

GARY WINOGRAND: The American photographer was prepared to snap almost anything, and managed to capture the bizarre in the most ordinary scenes.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (071-928 3144), 10am-8pm.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 16

VADALIA
(c) The original Australian ladybird, *Rodolia cardinalis*, introduced elsewhere to control insect pests: "He was studying the use and control of vadalia at the School of Tropical Farming in Canberra."

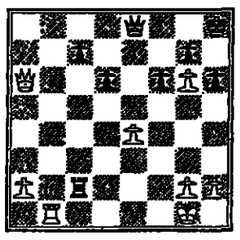
PICHURIM
(a) The native name of a lauraceous South American tree, *Nectandra Pachury*, from the Tupi *puchury*: "Pichurim bean, an oblong heavy seed brought from Brazil, and used medicinally in the cure of colic."

DOURINE
(a) A contagious disease of horses, caused by copulation, and due to a trypanosome, from the French *dourin*: "Mares are more liable to acute dourine than stallions."

BUDGEREE
(c) Australian for good, pidgin from the Dharuk *bujari*: "They very frequently applied to us for marks of approbation of their performance; which we never failed to give by often repeating the word budgeree, which means good."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



Capablanca – Thomas, Hastings International 1919. How could White win immediately? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

This year's category 14 Hastings Premier is currently in progress. (Information: 0424 439222)

Yesterday's solution: 1 ... Rxa2! would save Black, e.g. 2 Rxe8 Rxa8 or 2 Rxa2 Rxb6.

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FORTUNE Box Office & cc 071 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977 (24hr) 071 793 1000 Susan Hill's THE WOMAN IN BLACK Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt "A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER" Guardian "MASTERLY" Exp CHILLING" Ind "Take Tranquillisers" T Out "HOORAY FOR HORROR" D Mail NOW BOOKING TO MAY '91

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GLOBE THEATRE BO (CC) 071-437 1667 BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR Evening Standard Drama Award MICHAEL FLANDER GARETH HUNT in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S MAN OF THE MOMENT Evgs 7.45, Wed 3 Sats 5 & 8.30 LAST WEEK ENDS SAT

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL BO 071 930 8800 or 24hr hotline 071 379 4444 (bkg fee) 071 497 9977 (bkg fee) 071 793 1000 (bkg fee) JOHN GORDON-SINCLAIR & JIM CARTER are "GASPING" by BEN ELTON "Breathlessly Funny" I on Sun "Hilarious" FT MON - THURS EVGS 8pm FRI EVE 8.30 pm SAT 5pm & 8.30pm Box Office Now Open Final close 24th Feb 1991

HER MAJESTY'S Enquiries 0836 439921 071 839 2244 24hr cc 379 4444(bkg fee) 497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS JILL WASHINGTON MICHAEL CORMICK Iren Barak plays Christine at certain performances. Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 SOLD OUT UNTIL SEPT 28 1991 40-60 RETURNS SOLD EACH PERF: QUEUE DAILY

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL B.O. 071 930 8800 NO FEE SILLY COW by BEN ELTON STARRING BARRY FRENCH MON-THUR EVEN 8.00pm FRI and SAT EVEN 8.45pm MATS FRI and SAT 6.00pm

LONDON PALLADIUM BO & CC 071 437 7373 071 457 2066 CC 24hrs 071 497 9977 (no bkg fee) 071 793 1000 071 379 4444 (bkg fee) Groups 071 240 7941 RUSS ABBOT'S PALLADIUM MAD HOUSE The New All laughter Spectacular with Bella Emberg, Lisa Stepanek and Company Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30. FOR A LIMITED SEASON ONLY

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 (cc no bkg fee 071 836 3464) Vanessa Ferlito THE DOGGY AND HIS BOY by C. S. Lewis 10.30 & 2pm. STUDIO 081 741 8701 Tonight 7.45 LOVE-ME & ARELARD by Hugh Carr 8pm NOW PREVIEWING!

LYRIC, Shaftesbury Ave 071 437 3686 cc 24hrs (no bkg fee) 379 4444 "SONG & DANCE SPARKLES" Daily Mail FIVE GUYS HAMMED RIDE "A JOYOUS WALLOPING HIT" Guardian "The joint never stops jumpin'" Time Out (Mon-Fri 8.00 Sat at 6.00 & 8.45)

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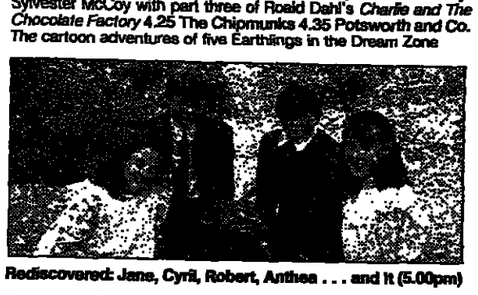
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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer
8.55 Daytime UK presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers in Birmingham and Adrian Mills in Manchester
9.00 News, regional news and weather 9.05 Brainwave. Quiz hosted by Andy Craig 9.25 Dish of the Day. Tasty morsels prepared by Rosemary Moon 9.30 People Today. Includes a phone-in for viewers to give their opinions
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin begins with Playdays 10.25 Rupert. Cartoon fun with the colourfully clad bear (r) 10.35 People Today. Including *Mother of Mine* in which celebrities talk about their childhood while in conversation with their mothers
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on African famine 11.45 Before Noon. Includes the winner of today's *Brainwave* quiz
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Happy Memories. Cliff Michelmore and Wendy Gibson raid the archives to find film and music that evokes pleasant memories for viewers 12.20 Scene Today. The daily entertainment show, live from Pebble Mill 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold
2.15 Knots Landing: Neighbourly Conduct. Soap about the comparatively poorer relations of the *Dallas* clan who live on the west coast
3.00 Primetime. Magazine series for older viewers presented by David Jacobs and Sheila McClennon. Includes a trip to Benidorm, where many older people spend their winters, and an interview with the two extraordinary sisters who live on Looe island, off Cornwall
3.40 Cartoon. *Early Bird and the Worm* (r) 3.50 Bodger and Badger. The first of a new series of the children's sitcom starring Andy Cunningham 4.05 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) 4.15 Jackanory. Sylvester McCoy with part three of Roald Dahl's *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* 4.25 The Chipmunks 4.35 Potsworth and Co. The cartoon adventures of five Earthlings in the Dream Zone



Rediscovered: Jane, Cyril, Robert, Anthea . . . and it (5.00pm)

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Five Children and It. Episode one of a new children's drama based on the story by E. Nesbit of *The Railway Children* and dramatised by Helen Cresswell. Five youngsters discover it, a small furry creature thousands of years old, while digging in a sandpit. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Among Terry's guests are the actor Anton Rodgers and Gary Mason, the British heavyweight boxing champion
7.35 Doogie Howser, MD. American comedy series about a teenage doctor. It tends to split the audience into those who find Doogie cute and those who cannot stand him. (Ceefax)
8.00 Waterfront Beat: Microlights. Phil Redmond's dockland police series, still with too much admin and not enough action. *The Bill* does it ten times better. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View. The programme that airs viewers' opinions enters its thirtieth anniversary year. The format has been changed to include telephone calls to make the programme more up-to-date and a request slot enabling viewers to choose a favourite clip from years gone by. The presenter is still Anne Robinson
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax). Regional news and weather
9.30 Q.E.D: Homoeopathy — Medicine or Magic? In recent clinical trials, homoeopathic remedies have proven more effective than placebos and although typical homoeopathic medicines are, in effect, nothing but water (they are diluted in more than a million, million, million parts of water) conventional doctors, vets, pet owners and farmers are claiming they work. The programme puts the claim to the test. (Ceefax)
10.00 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Football: highlights of tonight's FA Cup third round replays; Darts: action from the world professional championship at Frimley Green, Surrey; and Swimming: the world championships from Perth, Australia
12.00 Weather. Northern Ireland: (to 12.45am) Indoor Bowls

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 Children's Parties. A *40 Minutes* documentary featuring some of the children's events celebrated in the summer of 1981 (r)
8.55 Class of 81. A ballet scene from *Hiawatha* performed by Michelle Kocsis and Clifton Bryan of Harehills Middle School (r)
9.00 Daytime on Two: episode one of a five-part adaptation of the novel *Buddy*, by Nigel Hinton 9.30 Maths 9.45 Science drama series for five and six-year-olds 10.00 For the very young 10.15 Animal locomotion 10.40 Scotland's clans and the Romans 11.00 Learning to read 11.15 The first of an English series designed to stimulate discussion in the classroom 11.35 For language teachers 12.10 Photography and images 12.30 The barriers faced by some people involved in sport 12.55 Maths for adults 1.20 Pie in the Sky 1.40 A classroom safari
2.00 News and weather followed by You And Me (r)
2.15 Darts. World professional championship. Highlights of last night's second round matches. Northern Ireland: (to 3.50) Indoor Bowls
2.35 Country File presented by John Craven (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Darts. Embassy world professional championship 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the anagrammatic word game
4.30 Behind the Headlines. Beverly Anderson discusses life in the year 2000, with guests Christine MacNulty from Applied Features, writer Jane McLoughlin, hypnotherapist Dr Chet Snow, and Ian Hislop, editor of *Private Eye*
5.00 Holiday Outings. Cap d'Agde in the South of France (r)
5.10 Horizon: Sudden Death (r) (Ceefax)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. The crew of the Enterprise travel to a planet run by women to look for survivors from a Federation freighter disabled by an asteroid collision seven years earlier. (Ceefax)
6.45 DEF II begins with Reportage III. A new series of the current affairs magazine returns with a fresh team of reporters led by Aminatta Forna. Among the subjects investigated is evangelism 7.35 Rapido with ZZ Top, Bob Geldof and a report on Industrial Rock
8.05 Bookmark: One Fond Embrace.
● CHOICE: With Dublin taking over from Glasgow as European City of Culture, Sean O'Mordha's film celebrates the Irish language, its rise, its fall and its refusal to lie down and die. The treatment is partly topographical, emphasising the links between language and landscape, but mostly historical, setting the development of the Irish vernacular against a background of invasion and exploitation. The eventual eclipse of Irish by English is not necessarily seen as a disaster, given the achievements of such writers as Yeats, Joyce and Beckett. Thomas Kinsella, a contemporary writer much quoted in the programme, suggests that the compulsory teaching of Irish in schools under De Valera may have been counter-productive. The film is presented without commentary and lacks the guiding hand of a presenter who might have made the subject more accessible to non-Irish viewers
9.00 M*A*S*H: Bless You Hawkeye. More pathos, black humour and bandages (r). (Ceefax)
9.25 Parnell And The Englishwoman: The Meeting.
● CHOICE: A four-parter from the experienced Hugh Leonard dramatises the story of the Irish nationalist leader Charles Stewart Parnell and the affair with the married Kitty O'Shea which brought about his downfall in 1890. Despite Leonard's proven talent for comedy, it is a solid, rather humourless production, although this is probably an accurate reflection of Parnell's character. The script dutifully sets out the political background, while representing Parnell's fatal attraction as a matter more of guilt than of passion. Victorian Britain is conveyed by the usual horse-drawn carriages clattering along the usual cobbled streets. In a bold piece of casting Parnell is played by Trevor Eve, almost unrecognisable behind a bushy beard and a long way from the randy Felix of *A Sense of Guilt*. Francesca Annis is a decorative Kitty and there is a sturdy support from Robert Lang (as Gladstone) and T.P. McKenna. (Ceefax)



Fatal attraction: Trevor Eve and Francesca Annis (9.25pm)

10.25 Fifth Column. A personal opinion on a current issue
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow 11.15 Weather
11.20 Behind The Headlines. See 4.30. Ends at 11.55

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Runway. Quiz show hosted by Richard Madeley 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Mike Scott hosts another topical discussion
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series on family matters
12.05 Allsorts. For the very young 12.25 Home And Away 12.55 Thames News and weather
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather
1.20 Mavis Catches Up With . . . Kirk Douglas
● CHOICE: The veteran of 80 films is waylaid by Mavis Nicholson as he does the rounds of radio shows and book-signings to publicise his first novel. But if the interview is a book plug, the volume in question is not the novel but Douglas's autobiography. Making almost no reference to his screen career, Mavis pursues the theme of the child left angry and wounded by the absence of love from the father. Attempting a bit of psycho-analysis, she suggests this may be why Kirk has more women friends than men. Kirk retorts that growing up with six sisters may also have been a factor, while attempts to persuade him into indiscretions about his sex life run into a good-humoured brick wall. Mavis is an intelligent interviewer who can get beneath the surface but Douglas has been around too long to be caught out. Future subjects include Lauren Bacall, Dr Robert Runcie and Dame Vera Lynn
1.50 A Country Practice. Australian soap based on a rural medical centre
2.20 Snooker: The Mercantile Credit Classic. Coverage of the quarter-final stages
3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Antipodean hospital soap
3.55 Bugs Bunny and Friends. Cartoons 4.15 Mike and Angelo. Mike gets into trouble at school while Angelo gets hot under the collar 4.40 *Rolf's Cartoon Club* presented by Rolf Harris
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the quiz show for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 *Thames Help.* Jackie Spreckley on the advantages of yoga
6.00 Home And Away (r)
6.30 Thames News
7.00 *This is Your Life.* The suave Michael Aspel sneaks up on another unsuspecting soul and exposes his or her secrets
7.30 Coronation Street. After more than 30 years, still a ratings topper. (Oracle)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. Join cheery Des for laughs and songs as he gets together with Shirley Bassey, Bobby Davro and the London Boys
9.00 Survival Special: Sunlight and Shadow . . . the Dappled Cats
● CHOICE: The cheetahs and leopards of the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania are impressively photographed by Mark Deeble and Victoria Stone, the team responsible for Monday's *Wildlife on One* about the giant octopus. Spotted cats they may be but the film establishes the cheetah and leopard as completely different in physique and behaviour. The leopard, stocky and muscular, is a loner who hunts at night, even prowling around in suburban gardens. Cheetahs, long-legged and skinny, prefer to forage in numbers and are fussier about what they eat. Both are extensively photographed in pursuit and conquest of their prey, not always a pretty sight. Animal's inhumanity to animal once again prompts the thought that if Lord Rees-Mogg is serious about violence on television, he should not ignore wildlife programmes. (Oracle)



A spot of relaxation: leopards of the Serengeti (9.00pm)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 Snooker: The Mercantile Credit Classic. The second quarter-final
12.30am The Winds of War. Episode six of the dour American second world war saga starring Robert Mitchum and Ali MacGraw (r)
2.30 Videofashion. A look at the fashion houses of Milan
3.00 America's Top Ten. The top ten singles of 1990
3.30 Quiz Night hosted by Martin Roberts
4.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Final Twist. Three special effects artists plot to turn the tables on their unscrupulous boss
4.30 Fifty Years On. Newsclips from January 1941
5.00 ITN Morning News with Gilly Carter. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Beautiful scenes of the natural world accompanied by soothing music
6.20 Business Daily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 Broken Silence. A look at the energy needed when animals fight one another (r)
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Film: Tin Pan Alley (1940, b/w). Betty Grable, Alice Faye and Jack Oakie star in an undemanding Hollywood musical about two struggling songwriters and their girlfriends during and after the first world war. The film includes a sparkling score of songs, including "Moonlight Bay", "Honeysuckle Rose" and "The Sheik of Araby". The last, a sumptuous dance number, fell foul of the Hays Office which felt that the chorus girls were showing too much. As a result the scene was judiciously edited before public release. Lively treatment helps to mask the clichés of the plot. Alfred Newman won an Oscar for the best music score. Directed by Walter Lang
3.45 Dodging the Column. A 1952 British Rail documentary which follows the transportation of a 137ft distillation column from Greenwich to Grangemouth
4.00 Great British Isles: Fair Isle — Not Strictly for the Birds. Leslie Thomas takes a look at Britain's most isolated inhabited island, Fair Isle, which lies midway between Shetland and the Orkneys, and is an important stepping stone for millions of migrating birds (r)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the first round of the 21st series of the word and numbers quiz
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah interviews the mothers of the phenomenally successful teen group New Kids on the Block
5.50 Mr Magoo. Animated adventure of the myopic Mr Magoo
6.00 The Wonder Years. Repeat run of the Emmy Award winning comedy which takes a look at American adolescent life in the Sixties
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are singer-turned-actress Toyah Willcox; Bruce Dickinson, lead singer with Iron Maiden; and impressionist Phil Cornwell
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)
7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 Brookside. (Teletext)
8.30 Dispatches. A report from inside Iran, examining how the country is transforming itself from the bastion of Islamic fundamentalism into an economic, political and military superpower. Among those interviewed are Ali-Akbar Velayati, the foreign minister, Mohammed Hossein Adeli, governor of the central bank, and Rajaie Khorassani, former ambassador to the United Nations



Chainsaw tale: Richard Fallon and Karen Westwood (9.15pm)

9.15 Short and Curlies: The New Look. New series of short films. This first offering is written and directed by Chris Fallon and tells how Ricky (Chris Fallon) explores DIY with a chainsaw. With Karen Westwood and Robert Lister. (Teletext)
9.30 Matters of Taste. Continuing her series on food and drink, Jancis Robinson argues that London is the capital of the international wine trade and looks at people who fly from all over the world to sit a unique four-day exam. (Teletext)
10.00 Film: Heat and Dust (1982). An adaptation by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala of her novel about a former BBC researcher, Anne (Julie Christie), who travels to India to investigate the life of her great-aunt Olivia (Greta Scacchi), the subject of a scandal in the Twenties. The film interweaves the modern story of how Anne is affected by what she discovers with the Twenties love affair between the aunt and a prince (Shashi Kapoor). The subject gets typically tasteful and polished treatment from the team of producer Ismail Merchant and director James Ivory, while the two Indias, of the Twenties and the Eighties, are authentically created
12.25am Sid Caesar's Show of Shows (b/w). Classic comedy from Sid Caesar
12.55 Jazz on a Winter's Night: Branford Marsalis — Steep. A musical profile of Branford Marsalis and his Quartet in concert in Charlotte, North Carolina. The programme also includes documentary sequences and reflects the many facets of Marsalis's character. There are celebrity appearances from Sting, Herbie Hancock and Billy Crystal. (Teletext). Ends at 2.35

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 2.30am Film: The Horror of Frankenstein 4.15 Fifty Years On 4.35-5.00 Farming Diary

BORDER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.35am Grand Ole Opry Live 3.05 Film: The Captain 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 2.35am Film: Somebody's Stolen Our Russian Spy 4.05-5.00 Central Jobfinder '91

CHANNEL
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home And Away 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.30am Donahue 3.30 Night Heat 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.35am The Grand Ole Opry Live 3.05 Film: The Captain 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Coronation Street 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 2.35am Grand Ole Opry Live 3.05 Film: The Captain 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.30am America's Top Ten 3.00 Donahue 3.55 Live From London — Sandie Shaw 4.55-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Fir Na Duilleig 3.25-3.55 The Way It Was 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Jimmy's 2.30am Donahue 3.30-5.00 Film: Making Contact

TSW
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take The High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.35am Grand Ole Opry Live 3.05 Film: The Captain 4.50-5.00 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast To Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.30am Donahue 3.30 Night Heat 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Santa Barbara 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.35am Grand Ole Opry Live 3.05 Film: The Captain 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.35am Grand Ole Opry Live 3.05 Film: The Captain 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 2.30am Quiz Night 3.00 Comedy Tonight 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00 Art of Landscape 6.30 Cf Daily 9.25 Yegolion 12.00 Stectel 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Mathrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Vintage 2.30 Monsignor Michael — Healer? 3.30 Tony Jacklin's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Hano 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Hano 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Ar Y Tir 8.00 The Survival Factor 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Sbectrwm 9.25 Now You're Talking 9.50 Film: Everybody's Baby: The Rescue of Jessica McClure 11.35 Opinions 12.05am Lancashire Coast 12.25 Sid Caesar's Show of Shows* 12.55 Jazz on a Winter's Night 2.35 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.30pm Check-Up 1.00 News 1.40 Hands 2.05 Sam 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Knot's Landing 5.20 Springfield 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 No. 1 7.35 MacGyver 8.30 Look Here 9.00 News 9.30 Parnell and the Englishwoman 10.30 Beyond The Pale 11.30 News 11.40 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 3.05 Little Zoo 3.15 Edward and Friends 3.25 Skippy 4.00 The All New Popeye Show 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.40 Party Pieces 5.00 Sharky and George 5.30 The Beachcombers 6.05 Watch All Night 6.30 Home And Away 7.00 Nuschi 7.05 Bellamy On Top of the World 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News 8.05 This Is Your Life 8.35 Ferris Bueller 9.00 Cheers 9.30 News followed by Diamonds 10.25 The Twilight Zone 10.50 The Short and Curlies 11.10 News 11.35 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marco Polo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot; Playabout 9.10 Jackpot 9.30 Here's Lucy 10.00 It's Your Round 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Loving 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Lost in Space 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 The Secret Video Show 8.00 Alien Nation 9.00 Equal Justice 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Unsolved Mysteries 1.00pm Pages from Skytext 3.20 Cricket: Benson and Hedges World Series. Live coverage of England v Australia from Melbourne

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marco Polo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 Newsline 8.00 International Business Report 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Target 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Parliament Live (cont) 4.00 International Business Report 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 7.30 International Business Report 8.30 Roving Report 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC Nightly News 2.30 European Business News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES
● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 The Ryan White Story (1988): The true story of teenager Ryan White, who contracted Aids after a series of blood transfusions
12.00 Gentleman Prefer Blondes (1953): Musical starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell as friends on a cruise bound for France
2.00pm Money Mania (1987): A dying man's last words reveal the locations of three caches of money
4.00 Ringo Rides West: Animated western with a cowboy kitten
4.55 Raiders of the Galaxy: Science-fiction cartoon
6.00 Cold Sassy Tree (1989): A widower remarries a week after the death of his first wife. The newlyweds (Richard Widmark and Faye Dunaway) are consequently shunned by their neighbours
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Nightbreaker (1989): A neurologist reveals in a flashback the secrets he learnt 30 years earlier regarding atomic experiments carried out by the US military
9.40 At the Pictures
10.00 Dog Day Afternoon (1975): Al Pacino stars as one of life's losers who holds up a bank in order to pay for his male lover's sex-change operation
12.00 Vision Quest (1985): A high school wrestling champion is spurred on by his philosophical musings
2.00am Parents (1988): Suffering from recurring nightmares, a disturbed boy begins to learn the truth about his parents
4.00 The Navigator (1988): To escape the Black Plague, the residents of a 14th century mining village journey into the Earth and out in to modern-day New Zealand. Ends at 5.30

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am As Sky One 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 World Cup Skiing 9.00 World Swimming Championships 10.30 World Swimming Championships 1.00pm Eurobics 1.30 Handball 2.30 Cycling 4.00 Equestrianism 5.00 Volleyball 6.00 Circus World Championships 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 Ford Ski Report 9.00 Motor Sport 9.15 World Swimming Championships 11.15 Eurosport News 11.45 Paris-Dakar Rally 12.00 World Cup Skiing

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Powersports International 8.00 Moto News 8.30 Boxing from the Forum 10.00 Stop-Kick Boxing 11.00 Exciting World of Speed and Beauty 12.00 Spain Spain Sport 12.15pm Go Dutch Motor Sports 1.15 WICB 2.45 Tenpin Bowling 3.30 American Professional Boxing 5.00 Stop-World of Champions; Screensport Update 6.00 1991 Paris-Dakar Rally 6.15 US PGA Infiniti Tournament of Champions 8.15 Motor Sport Rallycross 9.15 1991 Paris-Dakar Rally 9.30 Ice Hockey NHL '91 11.30 WICB

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 We're Cooking Now 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New? 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Film: The Awakening of Casey 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 WKRP in Cincinnati 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 JSTV 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Marco Polo satellite.
1.10pm The Movie Show
1.40 Major Dundee (1965): A cavalry officer leads his men into battle against the Indians
3.55 Johnny Allegro (1945): A racketeer (George Raft) hopes to go straight by uncovering a counterfeiting gang
6.00 Intimate Betrayal: A young wife (Melody Anderson) learns that her husband (James Brolin) has been keeping secrets from her
8.00 Youngblood (1986): Rob Lowe stars in this romance set in the rough and tumble world of ice hockey
10.00 Deadly Care: The true story of a nurse (Cheryl Ladd) who turns to drink and drugs to cope with the pressures of her job
11.45 Contagion (1987): A salesman comes to regret his decision to help a hitchhiker Starring John Doyle
1.30am The Last Temptation of Christ (1988): Willem Dafoe stars in Martin Scorsese's controversial interpretation of the life of Christ. Ends at 4.15

THE SPORTS CHANNEL
● Via the Marco Polo satellite.
1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing Today 2.00 National Football League 3.30 Sportsdesk 4.00 Supercross 5.00 American Wrestling 6.00 Sportsdesk 6.30 National Hockey League 7.30 FA Cup10.00 Sportsdesk 10.30 Best of US Motorcycle Racing 11.30 Racing Today 12.00 Sportsdesk 12.30am FA Cup

THE POWER STATION
● Via the Marco Polo satellite.
7.00am Rock and pop for 21 hours

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Elgar (Dream Children, Op 43: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under del Mar); Debussy (La Boîte à joujoux, Tableaux 2, 3, 4: Basle SO under Armin Jordan)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bizet (Prelude and La Fleur que tu m'avais jetée from Carmen: Berlin PO under von Karajan, with José Carreras as Don José); Puccini (Crisantemi: Alberni String Quartet); Strauss (Roses from the South: Vienna Johann Strauss Orchestra under Boskovsky); Kathleen Battle, soprano, and James Levine, piano, perform Purcell (Sweeter than Roses), Fauré (Les Roses d'Istaphan) and Strauss (Ich Wolt'ein Strässlein); Strauss (Don Juan: Detroit SO under Dorati)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Kodály. Minuetto serio (Philharmonia Hungarica under Dorati); Norwegian Girls (Hungarian Radio and Television Chorus under Ferencsik); Sonata for solo cello (János Starker); Jesus, and the Traders (Hungarian Radio and Television Chorus under Ferencsik); Dances of Marosszek (Philharmonia Hungarica under Dorati)
9.35 Midweek Choice: Brahms (Alto Rhapsody, Op 53: LPO and Chorus under Krauss); Busoni (Nine Variations on a Chopin Prelude: RPO under Revenaugh, with John Ogdon, piano); Schubert (String Quartet in C, D 956: Isaac Stern, Alexander Schneider, violins, Milton Katims, viola, Pablo Casals, cello, Paul Tortelier, cello); Gurney (Down by the Salley Gardens: Ian Partridge, tenor, Jennifer Partridge, piano); Bliss (Suite from Conquest of the Air: BBC Scottish SO under Treacher); Tchaikovsky (Eugene Onegin, Letter Scene: Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra under Rostropovich, with Galina Vishnevskaya, soprano)
11.20 BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka, with Philip Fowke, piano, performs Beethoven (Overture, Fidelio); Tippett (Piano Concerto); Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G, Op 88). Incl 12.10pm Interval Reading
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London, Lowri Blake, cello, and Caroline Palmer, piano, perform Saint-Saëns (Sonata No 1 in C minor); Poulenc (Sonata)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Solomon plays Brahms (Piano Sonata in F minor, Op 5)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Trinity College, Cambridge
5.00 Eastern Approaches: In the second of four programmes, Graham Fawcett presents traditional music from Romania (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Richard Baker
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear
7.30 I Capuletti ed i Montecchi: Suisse Romande Orchestre and the Choir of the Grand Theatre, Geneva, under Bruno Campanella perform Bellini's opera in two acts. With a libretto by Felice Romani after Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. With Jacob Will, bass, as Capellio, leader of the Capuletti; Tatiana Troyanos, mezzo-soprano, as Romeo, leader of the Montecchi; and Cecilia Gasdia, soprano, as Giulietta, daughter of Capellio
9.35 Footsteps from the Finland Station
● CHOICE: The first of Michael Charlton's five milestones along Soviet communism's road to collapse has enigma written all over it because it tells of the February day in 1956 when Khrushchev delivered to the twentieth Congress of the Soviet Communist Party his secret, watershed speech denouncing Stalinism, about which we still know only the drift. Which other hands guided Khrushchev's pen in that momentous month provide rich ground for conjecture, and Charlton is well served by his Soviet witnesses, who include both Mr K's son and son-in-law
10.35 Carter and Ives: Ole Böhn, violin, Noël Lee, piano, perform Charles Ives (Sonata No 3); Elliott Carter (Duo)
11.30 News
11.35 Composers of the Week: Schubert (r)
1.00-2.25am Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland) (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.50, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
8.43 William: Only Just in Time, by Richmal Crompton 8.57 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Cheshire (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Solo on the Drums, by Ann Petry. Read by Clarke Peters
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Death of a Superpower: The end of the Soviet Union as we know it (1 of 3) (r)
11.42 Profile: A portrait in conversation and anecdote of educator Sally Trench
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Families and How to Survive Them: Fathering — and Authority. The penultimate programme in which John Cleese and psychiatrist Dr Robin Skynner discuss how relationships are formed, sustained and developed (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Including taboos about, and worldwide attitudes to, menstruation; a feature on women architects; and a look at plants and herbs of the Bible
3.00 News; The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Speckled Band. With Clive Merrison and Michael Williams (s)
3.47 Enquire Within
4.00 News
4.05 What If . . . ? In the second of a four-part series which rewrites history, Christopher Andrew ponders what might have happened if the Labour party had won the General Election in 1951
4.30 Kaleidoscope: an interview with Jean-Claude Carrière about his acclaimed film adaptation of *Cyrano de Bergerac*; a review of Man's Best Friend, an exhibition about dogs at Birmingham City Art Gallery; and a feature on the stage musical *Children of Eden*, which opens tonight (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Parodies Lost: Comedy show in which guests are taken on a literary mystery tour
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 The Power of Patronage (new series): The Honours System. Five programmes in which Robin Oakley investigates patronage in major areas of public life. Today, he unveils some of the secrets of an investiture at Buckingham Palace
8.45 The English (new series)
● CHOICE: Can it really be done, in just eight 30-minute episodes? The history of the English, from Saxon invasions to the Act of Union? If episode one can clear-headedly span the crumbling of the Roman Empire and the life and death of Charlemagne, then there is hope for the rest of the series. Having two totally dissimilar guides is a big help: the calm Malcolm Billings who can take even the glories of Galla Placidia's mausoleum in Ravenna in his stride, and the excitable Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith, oratorically evoking the past like a character in one of the Bard's histories (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (broadcast at 4.30pm) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Warden, by Anthony Trollope (8 of 10) (s)
11.00 Dear Diary: Simon Brett compares his diary entries for January 9 with diarists over the past 400 years (s)
11.30 Sweet as the Spring, as Ocean Deep: The story of popular 19th-century poet, Felicia Hemans (r)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM 97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM 88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM 90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Man Eloise Sunshine Show 10.00 Richard Skinner 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Katie Boyle 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Brian Matthew 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Law Game 7.30 Stan Hugill. Man of Sail (new series) 8.00 Folk on 2 with Jim Lloyd 9.00 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 9.30 The Golden Years with Alan Keith 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade with Digby Fairweather 12.35-4.00 Bill Rennells with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 10.40 This Family Business, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Education Matters with Wendy Jones 1.00 Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (broadcast at 10.25am) 2.30 World Service 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Stanley and the Magic Lamp: A three-part adaptation of Jeff Brown's novel 7.35 Journey through Balkidrempa 8.00 Champion Sport with Jon Champion: FA Cup third-round replays 9.30 Earshot, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 11.08 World Service 11.53 Words of Faith 11.58-12.05am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Financial news 5.56 Weather; Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00

Labour plans 40 bills to launch its rights charter

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

ROY Hattersley, the deputy Labour leader, yesterday unveiled its *Charter of Rights* document, committing a Labour government to introducing 40 pieces of legislation to protect and extend civil liberties.

With the backing of the shadow cabinet, Mr Hattersley rejected the idea of a bill of rights in favour of specific legal rights. He said the priority for a Labour government would be a freedom of information bill giving people the right of access to all official and personal information, except in rare circumstances. A security services bill would also be introduced to set up an intelligence select committee of MPs to check on the work of MI5, MI6, Special Branch, when carrying out security work, and the GCHQ government communications centre.

At a Westminister press conference, Mr Hattersley said: "We intend to be explicit about individual rights rather than leave their interpretation to the courts, whose attitude towards these matters is best described as unpredictable.

"After a decade of elective tyranny we know that many traditional freedoms were inadequately protected against assault from authoritarian government. We also know that many basic rights, taken for granted by a fortunate minority, are not enjoyed by the vast majority of the British people," Mr Hattersley said. "The people of this country have grown tired of ancient clichés about our matchless constitution. They want freedom to be extended in practice, not in theory, to all our people."

Labour's proposed legislation includes: tougher laws on sex discrimination and equal pay; a new law to penalise discrimination of the disabled; controls on telephone tapping and other surveillance; stronger powers for the data protection registrar; licensing of all private detectives; replacing immigration and nationality laws to prevent racial and sexual discrimination; and extending legal aid to libel and discrimination cases.

In place of the Official Secrets Act, Labour's freedom of information bill would guarantee access to information held by public officials or companies unless disclosure damaged security, international relations or a person's safety, or helped criminals.

The document, described by Labour as a white paper, proposes the protection of individuals' rights by new ombudsmen and other officials, including an information commissioner to examine complaints of refusal to disclose information; a children's commissioner to promote children's interests in the public and private sectors; court inspectors to monitor the efficiency of law courts; and a press complaints tribunal if newspapers continued to invade personal privacy.

Robert Maclennan, the Liberal Democrats' home affairs spokesman, described the document as a recycled package of half measures. "The refusal to propose an enforceable bill of rights shows clearly that Labour would only tinker with the system," he said. "This glossy package could be shredded by an incoming government since it would not be entrenched in a written constitution."

Help for storm-hit Scotland

By Kerry Gill

COMMUNITIES in the west of Scotland that suffered flooding and severe damage during the weekend's storms are to get special government help, as Scotland braces itself for more snow today.

Allan Stewart, Scottish minister for local government, said the aid would be for councils which could show they faced an undue financial burden because of damage.

Worst hit by the storms were towns and villages on the Ayrshire coast and in Argyll, where some sea walls were broken and homes and businesses flooded.

The aid scheme is discretionary and has been used before in Scotland after floods in February, 1989, and February last year. The government will offer to meet 85 per cent of eligible spending over a threshold fixed for each council. This time it will cover all councils in the regions of Dumfries and Galloway, Strathclyde, Highland and the Western Isles. The scheme does not cover long term work or direct assistance to householders or normally insurable losses.

Meanwhile motorists were warned to take care in Scotland as temperatures dropped last night. Snow storms were expected across the country with up to six inches falling on high ground.

Seamen missing, page 3

CHRIS HARRIS



Major meets the Brigadier: the prime minister aboard a Challenger tank yesterday with Brigadier Christopher Hammerbeck, commander of the 4th Armoured Brigade

How did we do in the Test — and where's Kate Adie?

Continued from page 1

told them, would prefer a peaceful solution. But Saddam, as an aggressor, could not be allowed to make any gain from his invasion of Kuwait. He had invaded a relatively defenceless country and atrocities were being committed even as they sat there. People were being murdered and women attacked.

Mr Major warned the troops, too, that with the unpleasant array of weapons available to Saddam they would be back in the Gulf or somewhere else doing a similar job if he were not dealt with this time.

He argued that the power arrayed against Saddam as a consequence of the near unanimous worldwide support for UN resolutions would cease to be a warning to other would-be aggressors unless he was forced into withdrawal with nothing to show for his action.

Perhaps the one false note came when he spoke to them about the talks between James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister. Their one real complaint is the lack of access to sufficient media information.

Where cricket-lover Mr Major could have scored was in letting them know the Test result — there were more questions about that among the soldiers than about geo-politics.

Sadly for Mr Major, however, he still has some way to go, it seems, in registering his existence with corporal public. Three times I heard troops complaining during his visit that they had not seen the one person they had hoped to encounter. No, not the prime minister. Kate Adie.

Panic after 5mph rail crash

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as beds or stretchers. There were bodies all over the place and a lot of people were lying bleeding."

Mr Lake said that the lights in the train went out as it hit the buffers and people screamed out as they were hit by crumpled parts of the carriage. "The front carriage seemed to flip up and crush the carriage behind. The driver shouted out: 'Hold on,' but only us at the front could hear him."Mr Lake was taken to St Bartholomew's Hospital.

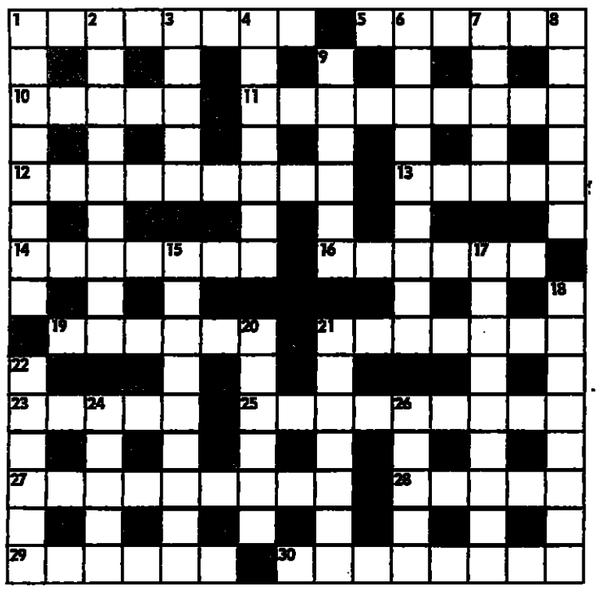
Christina Gale, aged 38, a personal assistant, of Grove Park, Kent, told how she was trapped under a pile of bodies for about 15 minutes before she was pulled from the wreckage. She said: "I was stuck on the train for about 15 minutes, trapped by other people lying on top of me. There was a man lying next to me who joked: 'What am I doing here.' There was a woman lying under me who was bleeding very badly." Denise Farrelly, aged 20, from Forest Hill, south London, said: "I just remember the lights going out and seats being thrown up in the air; the train seemed a bit fast; a lot were ready to get off and one man had already opened the door when there was a massive bang. People were smashing into each other and one woman had her leg jammed between two seats." Commuters in the centre of the ten-carriage, 300-tonne train, which left Sevenoaks at 7.58 am, were badly injured as they were thrown in every direction and then trapped by wreckage when the fifth carriage mounted the sixth. That had a concertina effect down the train but the worst of the impact was in the centre of it.

The train was packed with up to 1,000 people and, since there were no more seats from Grove Park, the last station before the penultimate stop at London Bridge, as many as 200 had to stand for the last part of the journey. However, David Gallivan, aged 34, a Lloyd's underwriter, who travelled in the train from Orpington in Kent, said that many more commuters were badly hurt because they had stood up to get off the train at Cannon Street.

Mark Lyons, aged 21, a journalist with TV-am who arrived on a train 15 minutes after the accident, said: "People were littered on platform number three and were hugging each other to reassure themselves."

Soon after the accident the emergency teams were in action; a major incident was declared within ten minutes. Ambulances crowded the streets outside the station and a helicopter from the London Hospital hovered above ready to ferry away the seriously injured. In just over an hour the walking injured had been taken to hospital.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,498



ACROSS

1 Glass vessel (8).
5 Sailor girl in charge of 8? (6).
10 In part of the Gobi, it died (5).
11 Study one head's maturity (9).
12 Endure long depression in the ultimate resort (4,5).
13 Avoid this city (5).
14 Self-centredness of Cockney — he irritated his master (7).
16 Small digger with spiked wheel on end of shaft (6).
19 Collar this girl (6).
21 There are laws about one German analgesic (7).
23 Habitual criminal, big in Nigeria (5).
25 "Smooth as monumental ——" (*Othello*) (9).
27 Film sponsor (9).
28 Beat the seeds? (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,497

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DOWN

1 Ought to have some hesitation appearing in this joint (8).
2 No, this ale would be spoiled by a piece of ice (9).
3 Chose a workman? (5).
4 Mature Republican can make a mistake (7).
6 It stops one seeing the concealed church (9).
7 Correct myself at last (5).
8 She tends to resist change (6).
9 Revolutionary may take a whip-round to gain prestige (6).
15 Not having been willing to order satinette (9).
17 Letter writer is always poetical about Falstaff's companion (9).
18 Ask to become a Quaker to gain favour (8).
20 Indian thug in Paris (6).
21 Halfway through the dance, bare one's teeth in annoyance (7).
22 Staff may have this to keep wine in (6).
24 Point of departure one waited for (5).
26 Fruit eaten before the autumn in America (5).
29 Fruit given to girl for flavouring (6).
30 After death, Reade's letters inspired affection (8).

Concise crossword, page 11

Word Watching

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

VADALIA
a. The Roman spring festival
b. Venetian blinds
c. The Australian ladybird

PICHURIM
a. South American laurel
b. Temple servants
c. The rim in casting a pot

DOURINE
a. A horse disease
b. A training snaffle
c. Cystitis

BUDGEREE
a. A small green parrot
b. A water hole
c. Oz for good

Answers on page 14, column 1

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Weather

Eastern England will start dry, but rain over Wales and the South-West will move eastwards to reach most parts this morning, followed by brighter weather and then more rain. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sleet and snow, but there will be bright spells, more so in the west. The North will be cold and windy. Further south will be milder, but windy. Outlook: unsettled and windy. Wintry showers on Friday.

Abroad

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Majorca	16	61	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	17	63	c	Malta	17	63	s
Algiers	17	63	s	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Amst'dm	7	45	f	Mexico C*	18	64	s
Athens	16	61	s	Miami*	26	79	f
Bahrain	21	70	s	Milan	4	39	c
Barbados*	26	79	c	Montreal*	-13	9	s
Barcelna	17	63	s	Moscow	2	36	c
Belgrade	11	52	c	Munich	10	50	c
Berlin	7	45	r	Nairobi	25	77	f
Bermuda*	23	73	f	Naples	16	61	f
Biarritz	15	59	s	N Delhi	17	63	s
Borde'x	13	55	f	N York*	2	35	c
Brussels	8	46	r	Nice	15	59	s
Budapst	6	43	c	Oslo	0	32	sn
Cairo	19	66	s	Paris	9	48	c
Cape Tn	19	66	f	Peking	-1	30	s
C'blanca	17	63	f	Perth	27	81	s
Chicago*	-3	27	f	Prague	8	46	s
Ch'church	19	66	s	Reykjvk	-1	30	f
Cologne	8	46	c	Rhodes	17	63	s
C'ptwn	5	41	f	Rio de J	27	81	f
Corfu	13	55	f	Riyadh	20	68	s
Dublin	3	37	r	Rome	15	59	c
Dubrovnik	12	54	c	Salzburg	9	48	f
Faro	17	63	f	S Frisco*	12	54	c
Florence	13	55	c	Santiago*	31	88	s
Frankfurt	8	46	c	S Paulo*	25	77	c
Funchal	17	63	c	Seoul	-5	23	s
Geneva	8	46	r	Sing'por	31	88	f
Gibraltar	17	63	s	St'kholm	1	34	c
Helsinki	0	32	sl	Strasb'rg	9	48	c
Hong K	18	61	c	Sydney	21	70	c
Innsbrck	7	45	s	Tangier	15	59	c
Istanbul	10	50	f	Tel Aviv	16	61	f
Jeddah	27	81	s	Tenerife	19	66	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	c	Tokyo	10	50	c
Karachi	18	64	s	Toronto*	-10	14	s
L Palmas	19	66	f	Tunis	15	59	s
Le Touet	8	46	r	Valencia	17	63	s
Lisbon	9	48	fg	Venice	7	45	c
Locarno	5	41	s	Vienna	8	46	r
L Angels*	16	61	d	Warsaw	7	45	s
Luxembg	6	43	c	Wash'ton*	1	34	sn
Luxor	23	73	s	Wel'ton	21	70	s
Madrid	10	50	f	Zurich	9	48	s

* denotes figures are latest available

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (43F). Humidity, 6 pm, 93 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.17 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, Nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 987.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest & Lowest

Monday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 10C (50F), lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, -1C (30F), highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.84 in; highest sunshine: Herne Bay and Folkestone, Kent, 8.9 hr.

Manchester

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.22 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, Nil.

Glasgow

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 3C (37F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.16 in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.1	.02	1	34	snow
Anglesey	1.4	.14	7	45	hail
Aviemore	-	.12	-1	30	snow
Belfast	2.7	.29	4	39	shower
Birmingham	4.4	.23	7	45	rain
Blackpool	1.2	.13	6	43	sleet
Bognor Regis	5.6	.27	9	48	shower
Bournemouth	4.7	.09	9	48	shower
Bristol	3.4	.21	8	46	shower
Buxton	2.9	.21	3	37	sleet
Cardiff	3.1	.07	7	45	hail
Clacton	6.4	.24	8	46	sunny
Cromer	5.9	.24	6	43	sunny
Douglas	1.6	.12	5	41	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.0	.17	3	37	snow
Eskdalemuir	-	.80	1	34	snow
Kinloss	-	.03	1	34	snow
Leeds	3.9	.20	6	43	sleet
Lerwick	1.3	.84	5	41	sleet
Lowestoft	5.5	.09	7	45	sunny
Margate	X	-	9	48	sunny
Minehead	4.0	.15	8	46	hail
Morecambe	0.3	.06	6	43	shower
Newcastle	X	.05	5	41	snow
Newquay	2.4	.15	9	48	shower
Nottingham	4.3	.13	6	43	rain
Penzance	3.0	.14	9	48	gales
Plymouth	2.4	.15	9	48	hail
Scarborough	3.9	.09	4	39	bright
Scilly Isles	2.0	.21	9	48	shower
Shanklin	5.3	.44	9	48	hail
Southend	6.6	.06	9	48	sunny
Southsea	5.5	.18	9	48	rain
St. Ives	2.7	.22	9	48	bright
Stornoway	-	.13	1	34	bright
Swanage	5.1	.11	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	4.5	.09	9	48	shower
Tenby	1.6	.44	8	46	rain
Tiree	0.5	-	3	37	cloudy
Torquay	3.7	.16	9	48	shower
Weymouth	4.8	.14	10	50	shower
Wick	-	-	1	34	bright
Worthing	5.7	.15	9	48	hail

These are Monday's figures

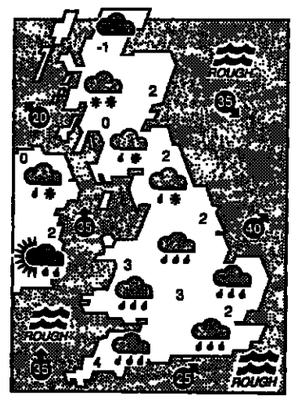
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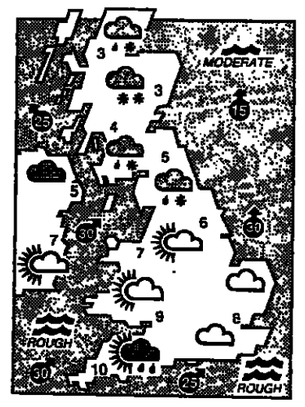
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PM



Lighting-up times

London 4.12 pm to 8.04 am
Bristol 4.21 pm to 8.13 am
Edinburgh 4.00 pm to 8.39 am
Manchester 4.10 pm to 8.22 am
Penzance 4.39 pm to 8.19 am

Sun rises: 8.04 am
Sun sets: 4.12 pm
Moon rises 2.19 am
Moon sets 11.18 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

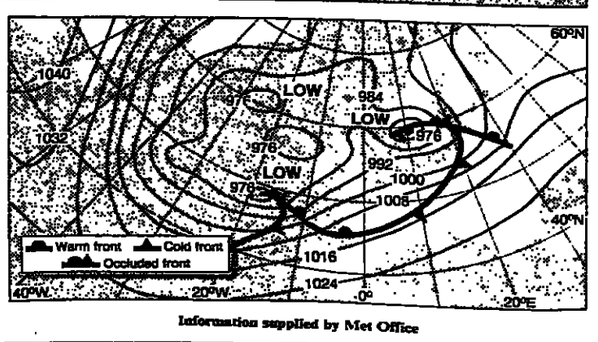
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	0	32	c	Guernsey	9	48	r
B'rmgham	3	37	r	Inverness	2	36	s
Blackpool	3	37	c	Jersey	9	48	c
Bristol	7	45	r	London	7	45	r
Cardiff	9	43	r	M'nchster	3	37	c
Edinburgh	2	36	f	Newcastle	3	37	f
Glasgow	2	36	f	R'nldeway	5	41	c

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.48	6.1	8.29	6.0	Liverpool	5.20	7.4	5.48	7.4
Aberdeen	7.59	3.3	8.18	3.4	Lowestoft	3.18	2.2	4.39	2.0
Avonmouth	12.48	10.4	1.13	10.3	Margate	5.56	4.1	6.49	3.9
Belfast	5.47	2.8	6.1	3.1	Milford Haven	12.05	5.4	12.34	5.4
Cardiff	12.33	9.7	12.58	9.6	Newquay	11.34	5.5		
Devonport	11.34	4.6			Oban			12.11	3.0
Dover	5.08	5.8	5.49	5.2	Penzance	10.52	4.6	11.33	4.5
Falmouth	11.4	4.4	11.44	4.3	Portland	12.15	1.5	12.24	1.5
Glasgow	8.55	4.2	6.51	4.3	Portsmouth	6.12	4.1	8.38	3.8
Harwich	5.37	3.4	6.21	3.2	Shoreham	5.10	5.2	5.50	4.7
Holyhead	4.47	4.4	5.13	4.4	Southampton	5.24	3.8	5.53	3.6
Hull			12.43	5.9	Swansea	12.08	7.5	12.38	7.5
Ilfracombe			12.14	7.1	Tees	10.21	4.3	10.44	4.4
King's Lynn	12.04	5.3	12.55	4.8	W'ton-on-Nze	5.36	3.7	6.19	3.4
Leith	9.09	4.5	9.39	4.6					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Noon today



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Pan Am decides to file for Chapter 11

From PHILIP ROBINSON
NEW YORK

PAN American, one of America's oldest and now weakest airlines, has filed for Chapter 11 protective bankruptcy, still awaiting British regulatory approval for a London deal which could have provided the money to keep it from the bankruptcy courts.

The airline, once America's unofficial flagship, which dominated transatlantic skies for more than 30 years, is being loaned $150 million by Bankers Trust and UAL, parent of United Airlines, America's largest, to keep it in the air while it reorganises its debts.

Pan Am said: "We had to file for bankruptcy because we have structural financial problems that cannot just be fixed with cash." The spokesman added that flights will be unaffected by the bankruptcy and that it would "maintain full flight schedules and customer services worldwide".

Four months ago Pan Am struck a deal with United Airlines to sell its package of routes into London's Heathrow airport. Once approved, that would have meant an immediate payment of $290 million to Pan Am, part of asset sales worth $400 million.

But the deal is still awaiting approval by the British authorities. America gave the ownership change tentative approval yesterday, just hours after the airline filed for bankruptcy.

Raymond Neidl, of Dillon Read, the securities house, said the filing "may buy them some time to get the regulatory approval to sell off the London route authority". Industry experts say one of the causes of the British delay is the wider question of agreements over who can fly where in America.



Plaskett: 'resign' call

The Pan Am deal would give UAL, in direct competition with British Airways, the largest American share of the transatlantic market, five direct flights into Heathrow, a large slice of its plan to be a global airline and a key jumping off pad for Europe.

It would receive three daily New York-Heathrow flights, and one each from Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco. It would also receive a Seattle-London flight three times a week and access from London to Amsterdam, Berlin, Brussels, Hamburg, Helsinki, Munich and Oslo.

British Airways raised objections to the deal because it and other European airlines do not have the same freedom to fly within America. Under bilateral agreement, Pan Am and TWA are the only American airlines allowed to fly into London's main airport.

United said last night that its agreement to buy the London routes from Pan Am remains in place and that it will continue to accept Pan Am tickets.

United is putting up $50 million of Pan Am's survival package, and analysts think Pan Am's filing to gain court protection from creditors under the Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy laws is designed to protect these loans and would have been a condition of the money being advanced. It is also thought by some that United may well choose to make a full bid for Pan Am and take the London routes.

The survival deal looks likely to kill a bid from TWA, a rival airline, where Carl Icahn, the chairman and chief executive, said he was prepared to offer $375 million for Pan Am and provide a bridging loan to keep it going, on condition that Thomas Plaskett, Pan Am's chairman, resigned and the airline went into bankruptcy.

But the deal was fraught with personal acrimony and bickering. Mr Icahn said that American Airlines, United's rival, would have been prepared to pay $500 million for Pan Am's London routes and Pan Am refused to go for court protection as part of the TWA bid. TWA said last night it was reviewing its options.

United has already paid $20 million to Pan Am for its San Francisco operations, but the troubled airline, formed 64 years ago, was down to $40 million and needed cash fast.

Continental Airlines, of Houston, sought bankruptcy protection on December 3 and Eastern Air Lines of Miami, Continental's sister, has been in bankruptcy proceedings since March 1989.

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BA denies bid for Interflug

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways has denied that it had put in any formal bid for Interflug and described a German announcement to that effect as "flying a kite".

Lord King, chairman of BA, said: "We have definitely not put in any bid for Interflug. Obviously we are interested in what happens to the airline but I know absolutely nothing about any formal bid. It could be that they are flying a kite."

Earlier, Interflug in Berlin said that several companies, including BA, had placed bids with the Treuhandanstalt privatisation agency to buy into the east German airline. "There are six or seven bidders, among them British Airways," said an Interflug spokesman. A spokesman for Treuhand was not available for comment.

British Airways abandoned attempts to buy Interflug because it now plans to set up a new Berlin-based airline with the help of German investment. Interflug fears it is being "railroaded" into the arms of Lufthansa by the German government and is trying desperately to raise the stakes by suggesting that BA and others are making formal attempts to buy the airline.

Privately BA is both embarrassed and astonished by the new claims and is adamant that it does not want to know about the former east German national flag carrier.

● Sabena, Belgium's ailing national airline, will record "very heavy losses" for 1990, a company spokesman said. But Pierre Godfroid, the new chairman of Sabena, said in a letter to employees a restructuring plan should cure the company's financial woes.

"Within this new structure we want to push through a number of strategic and operational improvements. It is urgently necessary to get our company out of the very heavy deficit figures within 18 months," Godfroid wrote.

Sabena faces an uncertain future after a deal with BA and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines was scrapped recently. The collapse of the deal left Sabena at the starting line again in its bid for a larger share of the European airline market.



MICHAEL POWELL

Fruits of administration: Susanna Parkins of Phillips inspects the fine art to be auctioned in Asil Nadir's former office

Sale of art for Polly Peck's sake

By ANGELA MACKAY AND JOHN SHAW

ASIL Nadir's desk was cleared and the drawers sticky-taped shut while the press stalked the offices of Polly Peck International, inspecting the fine collection of art and furniture to be auctioned next month by Phillips, the fine art dealer, at the request of the company's administrators.

Christopher Weston, Phillips' chairman, said the 305 lots on offer would fetch at least £3 million, which the administrators would use for the daily cash requirements of the debt-burdened fresh fruit, hotels and electronics group.

The top lots include a George III mahogany breakfront bookcase expected to fetch £150,000-£200,000, and two Turner watercolours — *The Castle of Saint Michael, Bonneville, Savoy from the banks of the River Arve*, (upwards of £150,000), and *Oberwesel and Schonberg Castle* — from the artist's tour of the Continent in August and September 1817.

Phillips calls the company's headquarters, furnished as a late Georgian London townhouse, "an interior decorator's paradise". It was put together with great flair by Guilderen Takva, an interior decorator and wife of a senior Polly Peck executive. Tickets hang on everything: a George III 12-light crystal chandelier from Ditchley Park, Oxon is now lot 137 (£40,000-£60,000), while an early George III occasional table from Elveden Hall, Thetford, Norfolk, is lot 161 (£8,000-£12,000).

Mr Weston is optimistic about the sale, saying there is interest from America and Europe. The furniture trade, however, is sceptical. Trade sources said £3 million, if realised, would be a substantial reduction on the original outlay, estimated at about £7 million. The bulk of the property was bought through Hotspur and Partridge, the dealers. "It is high quality but in a nutshell it is the wrong sale and the wrong time of year," said one source. "Frankly, nobody sells fine English furniture like this in February."

Two of PPI's three administrators were in New York yesterday, and one of them, Michael Jordan, travelled on to northern Cyprus to try and prise more information out of the company's subsidiaries there. Mr Jordan said several small non-core businesses are being sold. The sales of Le Shark, the clothing company, and the consumer electrics concern, Russell Hobbs, are being finalised, he noted.

Meanwhile Elizabeth Forsyth, the former chairman of South Audley Management, a company controlled by a Nadir family trust, was interviewed by the Serious Fraud Office under section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act. The SFO raided the offices of South Audley in September — the beginning of the end of Mr Nadir's control of the group.

Regional boards go at Lloyds

LLOYDS Bank is abolishing its eight regional boards and making their 59 part-time directors redundant as part of its cost-cutting programme.

The bank has decided to replace its eight regions with a network of 90 areas, each controlled by an area director.

The regional boards were established after the war as a forum for comment on bank policy. Their abolition completes Lloyds' reorganisation into area units, intended to make the bank's branches more responsive to local conditions.

In 1990, the bank lost a net 2,000 jobs from its staff of 55,000 through natural wastage and early retirements. The bank plans further job cuts and branch closures this year.

Goode fights bid

Goode Durrant, the vehicle hire and distribution, construction and financial services conglomerate, has prepared itself for a hostile takeover bid from Winnedael, its 25 per cent shareholder.

The dividend was held at 2.15p.

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ECGD offer

An offer for Insurance Services, the short-term underwriting arm of the Export Credits Guarantee Department, is to be made by Credietverzekering Maatschappij (NCM), the Dutch credit insurance company. The bid is expected to be £100-150 million.

Mowat's loans

Mowat, the USM property and leisure group, has completed a £33.5 million refinancing of its short term debt. The new loans run for between three and four years.

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US 'has 300 banks at risk'

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 300 banks could fail in America this year if there is a war in the Gulf and a deep recession, William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, said on American television.

Mr Seidman said that, with hindsight, the FDIC should have acted against the collapsed Bank of New England two years ago. Mr Seidman blamed the failure on bad management and imprudent lending rather than on fraud.

The BankAmerica Corporation, based in San Francisco, has confirmed it is negotiating to buy all or part of the Bank of New England. It said it is reviewing the Bank of New England's three operating subsidiaries in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine "regarding the possible acquisition of the deposits and certain assets of these banks". A prime condition of any acquisition would be that the FDIC takes responsibility for the Bank of New England's non-performing loan book.

BankAmerica, the second largest bank in America, has so far escaped the storm of bad debts that has pushed many of its competitors into large losses. Net profits for 1990 are forecast to reach $490 million.

Acquisition of the Bank of New England would put BankAmerica further towards its ambition to become America's first national bank.

Treasury unveils hard ecu alternative towards union

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Treasury has unveiled draft amendments to the founding treaty of the European Community that call for the adoption of Britain's hard ecu alternative route to monetary union.

The texts, put forward by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, give formal shape to proposals made in June by John Major, when he was Chancellor.

Though the drafts are in line with Mr Major's plan, Treasury sources said they were open to discussion and change at the intergovernmental conference on economic and monetary union, which starts next Tuesday.

The government's objective is still to find a way in which all EC countries can move towards monetary union without prior commitment to a single currency and independent European central bank, key elements in the plan of Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, opposed by Britain.

Britain believes a single currency would wreak untold damage on the weaker economies, and has said that the Delors plan would mean a two-speed Europe. It has rejected the idea of handing over responsibility for monetary policy to a central bank not answerable to Parliament.

However, in his draft texts, Mr Lamont offers two alternatives for a proposed European monetary fund (EMF) responsible for issuing and managing the new common currency to be used parallel with national currencies.

Though the first option states the board of the EMF will be "completely independent and shall neither seek nor take instructions from any Community institution, national government or any other body or persons", the Treasury says this represents no shift in the British position. The second foresees a treaty that affects relations between central banks and governments as little as possible.

Treasury sources indicated that the EMF, which has been rejected by the Bundesbank, would be open to far-reaching change. Its key function would be to ensure that the ecu is always the strongest currency in the exchange-rate mechanism, with no scope for devaluing against other units in the parity grid.

Mr Lamont said the proposal could provide a "basis for an agreement which meets both British concerns and also the aspirations of our Community partners, and keeps all member states moving forward together." The texts implemented Mr Major's proposals for stage two of EMU.

Gavyn Davies, UK economist at Goldman Sachs, said he did not expect any concession from the government yet, but said the government was "going very clearly for a compromise". While the drafts refer to the "hard ecu", Mr Davies believes this could be turned into "harder ecu", thereby coming into line with German proposals for hardening the existing ecu based on a basket of EC currencies.

☐ The Treasury's plan has drawn a cautious welcome from some of Britain's European partners. The plan is seen as an assertive attempt by the government to influence the debate on economic and monetary union from within rather than criticise it from the outside (Peter Guilford writes from Brussels).

Diplomats in Brussels expect Germany, the most influential voice on Emu, to react positively. They also welcomed as constructive the suggestion that the EMF might assume an almost identical structure to the more widely favoured European central bank and eventually evolve towards it.

M Delors refused to comment, in an apparent desire to avoid refuelling confrontation with Britain, according to officials.

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Profits falling sharply

By OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIAL figures showed a steep decline in company profits and a sharp rise in net borrowing in the third quarter of 1990.

In the personal sector the counter-inflationary squeeze improved the savings ratio to 8.8 per cent from 7.4 per cent in the second quarter.

The Central Statistical Office data showed that company profits, net of stock appreciation, dropped by 7.8 per cent between the second and third quarters to stand 3.1 per cent below the third quarter of 1989.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.9065 (+0.0010)
German mark
2.9170 (–0.0061)
Exchange index
93.9 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1636.9 (–10.9)
FT-SE 100
2099.9 (–13.4)
New York Dow Jones
2525.00 (+2.23)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22897.84 (–838.73)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 13²⁹/₃₂-13⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 13¹³/₃₂-13²⁹/₃₂%
US: Prime Rate 9½%
Federal Funds 6½%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.42-6.41%*
30-year bonds 105²/₃₂-105²⁹/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.9065	£: $1.9060*
£: DM2.9170	$: DM1.5315*
£: SwFr2.4537	$: SwFr1.2875*
£: FFr9.9072	$: FFr5.1920*
£: Yen259.95	$: Yen136.44*
£: Index:93.9	$: Index:82.0
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close $388.50-389.00 (£203.80-204.30)
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Brent (Jan) ..... $26.15 bbl ($26.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.55	2.40
Austria Sch	21.50	20.10
Belgium Fr	63.00	59.00
Canada $	2.31	2.16
Denmark Kr	11.76	11.06
Finland Mkk	7.39	6.94
France Fr	10.32	9.72
Germany Dm	3.05	2.86
Greece Dr	327	307
Hong Kong $	15.30	14.50
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.07
Italy Lira	2296	2155
Japan Yen	275	259
Netherlands Gld	3.435	3.225
Norway Kr	11.93	11.23
Portugal Esc	272	256
South Africa Rd	5.25	4.75
Spain Pta	192	180
Sweden Kr	11.37	10.69
Switzerland Fr	2.575	2.415
Turkey Lira	5900	5400
USA $	1.995	1.875
Yugoslavia Dnr	30.00	23.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 130.0 (November)

O&Y denies delay at Canary Wharf

By MATTHEW BOND

OLYMPIA & York, the Canadian property group, has denied that it is to delay later phases of its £3 billion Canary Wharf project.

According to a report in today's *Construction Weekly*, phase three of the London Docklands project (some 2.5 million sq ft of office space) will stay on the drawing board until the property market improves.

The report says O&Y will finish the car parking and infrastructure for phase three, but will not begin work on the buildings. The trade paper quotes Chuck Young, an O&Y director, as saying that later phases of the 10 million sq ft project will be "demand driven". If correct, that would represent a marked shift in direction by O&Y, which is building the first two phases speculatively in the belief that the quality of the development will create its own demand.

A spokeswoman for Canary Wharf said Mr Young's comments could have been misinterpreted. The spokeswoman said O&Y was sticking to a construction timetable first agreed a year ago. The architects for phase three, which includes two more skyscrapers, will be appointed shortly, and the design process is expected to last a year.

The 4.3 million sq ft of phase one, which includes the 800 ft central skyscraper, is more than 50 per cent pre-let and will be completed this year. Work on the 925,000 sq ft phase two is well underway, with about a third of the space pre-let to Texaco, the oil company.

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Rhône to cut 180 jobs in Ayrshire

RHÔNE-POULENC, the French state chemicals group, is to abandon manufacture of silicone chemicals within Imperial Chemical Industries' complex at Ardeer, Ayrshire, at a cost of 180 jobs by mid-1992.

About 1,200 jobs will remain. Rhône-Poulenc, which, according to unconfirmed reports, paid almost £30 million for ICI's silicone business in 1988, blamed the closure on a decline in demand. Production will be transferred to French plants.

Bucknall falls

Bucknall Austin, the quantity surveyor and project manager, reports pre-tax profits of £542,000 (after redundancy costs) for the six months to end-October, down 23 per cent. The interim dividend is held at 1.3p.

Grid 'on track'

National Grid reports pre-tax profits of £199.1 million for the half-year to end-September and indicates that it is on track to achieve the forecast.

WPP silence

WPP Group is refusing to comment on reports that it has put up for sale stakes in its two main advertising agencies, J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy & Mather.

J Bibby level

J Bibby & Sons' first-quarter's results were roughly in line with last year.

Fans buyout

Managers at Myson Fans have bought the business from Blue Circle Industries for about £2 million.

Metals gloom

The prospects for base metal prices in 1991 are gloomy, according to Metals & Minerals Research Services.

Deal completed

Consolidated TVX Mining has completed the acquisition of Inco Gold.

Diamond project

Indonesian Diamond expects May-June production at its 41.25 per cent-owned Danau Seran project.

Mint gives in

Birmingham Mint has recommended the hostile bid from IML.

CBI plan to cut interest rates seeks fiscal controls

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders will suggest for the first time today that the government should use fiscal as well as monetary measures to reduce demand in order to allow a further cut in interest rates.

This significant shift by business will be put to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, at a meeting he will chair of the National Economic Development Council.

In a confidential paper for the meeting, the Confederation of British Industry previews what is likely to be its submission to Mr Lamont in advance of his Budget by spelling out how interest rates can be cut while still controlling demand and without pushing retail price inflation up.

The CBI acknowledges that the reduction in interest rates might carry the risk of increasing the inflationary pressures and excessive demand that first led to high inflation.

The CBI says this need not be so. "To enable interest rates to be reduced safely, some of the burden of restraining demand can be shifted to fiscal policy — tax and public expenditure measures."

CBI leaders accept privately that the introduction of the idea of using fiscal policy marks a move in their efforts to secure lower interest rates.

The CBI's document says that a stable framework of taxation is helpful, and that a more active use of fiscal measures by the government does not necessarily mean more frequent changes in tax rates, allowances or spending plans.

Instead, fiscal policy should be used to contain consumption by encouraging saving and investment. For business, the CBI suggests a tax regime to promote investment, including changes in corporation tax, and in plant and machinery depreciation allowances. For individuals, the CBI urges an annual tax-free allowance of £1,200 for funds invested directly in UK company shares and changes in Personal Equity Plan schemes.

The CBI says that the government's measures to curb demand "has led to the most serious downturn in economic activity since the early 1980s". The CBI will tell Mr Lamont that "the cost of achieving this reduction in inflation has been considerable".

Concluding that "1991 will be a very difficult year for business", the CBI says that "by encouraging saving and investment and minimising the public sector's contribution to inflation, the government can help to sustain confidence in the difficult times ahead."

In its confidential NEDC paper, the TUC also urges a cut in rates.

£2m east Europe initiative

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THE Confederation of British Industry has launched a £2 million campaign to encourage British companies to invest in eastern Europe.

Alan Lewis, chairman of Initiative Eastern Europe, said: "Our efforts are designed particularly to help companies with little or no experience of trading with eastern bloc countries, building on the hard-won experience of CBI members in these markets." He added that the aim is to increase business activity between Britain and eastern Europe threefold in five years.

The CBI's efforts are geared towards Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary as the four eastern European countries that offer the best investment prospects. Last year British exports to these countries amounted to only £1.1 billion, compared to Germany's £7.3 billion.

There will be four seminars, one on each country, in London over the next six months.



Andrew Cook: strong plea to Telfos shareholders

Wm Cook bids £40m for Telfos

By COLIN CAMPBELL

WILLIAM Cook yesterday made a cash-and-share bid for Telfos Holdings, saying its target had made a "disastrous catalogue of ill-judged investments" and that the Telfos board had "clearly lost its way".

Cook, Europe's largest steel castings manufacturer, has made a three-for-eight share offer plus 300p cash, valuing each Telfos share at approximately 126p.

The terms place a £40.2 million price tag on Telfos, whose shares yesterday rose 15p to 125p. Cook's shares lost 5p to 232p.

Andrew Cook, the bidding chairman, urged Telfos shareholders to "leave your troubles behind and become part of a successful British engineering group".

Cook holds 6.87 per cent of Telfos following market purchases yesterday.

Telfos makes locomotives and rolling stock, and has interests in metal spraying, non-ferrous metals, investment and property dealing.

In addition, it holds a 51 per cent stake in Ganz-Hunslet, which operates mainly in Hungary.

Stephen Cockburn, the Telfos chairman, recently announced that the group could not pay its preference dividend due on January 2 because of a lack of sufficient distributable reserves.

Mr Cook, in pressing his takeover case, said if Telfos could not pay a preference dividend it had little immediate prospect of paying ordinary dividends. Telfos had made a series of substantial write-offs in recent times, and had now changed its year-end from December to March, he said.

Mr Cook rounded on recent Telfos boardroom changes — which included the resignation after little more than a month in the job of the joint managing director, and the earlier resignation of Telfos' chief executive.

"Our offer gives shareholders an opportunity to realise their investment in Telfos, whose directors have seriously jeopardised the profitability of their company by diversifying into non-related activities," Mr Cook said.

Telfos said it had noted Cook's announcement, was consulting with advisers, and would make a further announcement "shortly".

Wiltshire shares fall on loss warning

By MARTIN WALLER

SHARES in Wiltshire Brewery crashed 18p to 38p as the group gave warning of a full-year loss, and announced the abrupt departure of the managing director and the sale of a chain of public houses it acquired in May last year.

The company's West Midlands estate, which comprises seven pubs and a brewery, will be bought for £1.6 million by County Inns, in which Wiltshire will hold a 13 per cent stake. They were initially bought for £1.45 million. County, owner of Premier Midland Ales, is run by Eddie Perks, the original vendor of six of the pubs.

The year to end-September would show a "fairly small" loss because of difficulties with brewing and the failure of the group's financial and accounting controls to cope with rapid expansion, said Graham Axford, the chairman. Mr Axford, a former managing director of corporate finance at James Capel, bought into Wiltshire before its USM float at 70p in 1989.

His partner then was Jeff Scobie, who is leaving his post as managing director "to pursue other interests". Mr Axford said the move into the Midlands market had failed to work but his taste for further acquisitions was undiminished. "We want to expand in the East End of London and concentrate on the sales of our products rather than on the acquisition of estate. We have to carry on as a small independent but we have to grow by acquisition," he said.

Lyonnaise in asset sale

LYONNAISE des Eaux-Dumez, the recently merged French water and construction conglomerate, intends to sell between Fr3 billion and Fr4 billion of assets over the next 18 months in a wide-ranging debt-reduction programme.

The company also announced that it had taken a majority stake in Société de Contrôle Merlin, a privately owned water distribution company that has a share of about 5 per cent of the French market. The acquisition will raise Lyonnaise's market share to 23 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Stratagem in hostile bid for Touchstone

STRATAGEM Group, the investment company, has made a hostile bid for Touchstone Group, the computer services business which this week said it was in merger talks with Ferrari Holdings. Touchstone, formerly MBS Group, rejected the all-share Stratagem offer, saying it was "unsolicited" and had "no commercial or financial merit for Touchstone shareholders or loan stock holders".

Stratagem's offer values Touchstone at about £4.6 million, or 4.5p per share. The company says it has the backing of more than 40 per cent of Touchstone shareholders. The bid, accompanied by fierce criticism of Touchstone's financial record, throws into disarray the preliminary merger talks between Touchstone and its fellow computer services company Ferrari, which were only confirmed on Monday. Bernard Kerrison, Stratagem's chairman, said: "Touchstone's record over the last few years has been dismal and shows a lack of coherent strategy."

Touchstones shares climbed ½p to 4½p.

Treatt slips to £1.03m

PRE-TAX profits at Treatt, the blender and distiller of oils and aromatic chemicals used in foods, soft drinks and soaps, slipped from £1.37 million to £1.03 million in the year to end-September. Earnings dropped to 7.17p (9.82p). The final dividend is maintained at 2.25p, making an unchanged total of 3.25p for the year. The shares held at 61p.

Reliance payout rises

Reliance Security is raising its interim dividend from 1.8p to 2.2p a share and says that in spite of the deteriorating economic climate it is cautiously optimistic of meeting its growth targets for the year. Pre-tax profits in the six months ended October 26 were £1.28 million (£1.02 million). Pre-tax profits in the 55 weeks ended April 27 were £2.71 million.

Jurys increases 11%

INTERIM pre-tax profits at Jurys Hotel Group, the Dublin hotelier, increased 11 per cent from Irf2.3 million (£2.02 million) to Irf2.6 million for the six months to end-October. The company gave warning that international tensions could affect the tourist season and profits for this year.

Trading profits were up 32.6 per cent to Irf3.5 million, but the interest charge increased almost threefold to £918,000. Turnover is up 27 per cent at £14.6 million. Walter Beatty, the chairman, said that the Jurys Pond Hotel in Glasgow, the group's first UK acquisition, has performed satisfactorily. The interim dividend remains Ir2p.

Sanderson to seek listing

SANDERSON Electronics wants to graduate to a full listing for its shares this month, Paul Thompson, the chairman, told shareholders. He said the Unlisted Securities Market had lost its ability to attract investors. He also said a recent fall in the share price reflected market sentiment towards the entire computer industry rather than Sanderson itself.

M&W beats forecast

M&W, the south of England convenience stores group, reported full-year profits ahead of the forecast made at the time of the company's flotation last June. In the year to end-September, the company made pre-tax profits before exceptional items of £1.79 million, compared with the £1.6 million forecast. The company is paying a final dividend of 1p.

Coffee report delivered

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission has delivered its report on the pricing of instant coffee to Peter Lilley, the industry secretary, bringing to nine the number of reports requiring action within the next eight weeks.

The latest report, result of an eight-month investigation, is by far the most contentious. Nestlé, the Swiss food group that pioneered the sale of instant coffee in Britain, has a 50 per cent share of a market worth £575 million a year. Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of fair trading, asked for an enquiry in April, citing concerns that the price of instant coffee failed to fall with the price of coffee beans.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
74	25	ASB Bancst	23	28	–	–	–	–
113	46	ASD	43	46	-1	–	–	3.2
91	42	ATA Selection	47	52	+4	3.5b	10.3	4.8
25w	12	Aberdeen Pet	12½	14½	–	–	–	27.0
66	33	Aberdeen Stk Hse	33	35	–	–	–	64.2
215	163	Acal	173	178●	–	6.6	3.8	9.7
29	13	Acorn Comp	13	14	–	–	–	4.0
135	75	Alrspring	127	137●	–	7.8	5.9	10.2
163	111	Alan Paul	109	113●	-1	4.1	3.7	11.1
263	28	Alnaghton	36	40	-3	–	–	–
116	78	Allen	84	88●	–	6.4	7.3	5.8
141	114	Allied Ins	110	117	–	5.3	4.8	11.2
126	66	Ald Leisure	74	78	–	5.2	6.8	5.4
43	18	Amberley Gp	18	23	–	0.9	9.5	6.1
268	123	Amer Bus Sys	123	126●	+2	3.5	2.8	8.6
49	13	Anglo Pac Res	14	16	–	–	–	24.2
12½	8	Apollo Wash Prods	7	9	-1	0.7	8.8	6.9
390	150	App Holographics	156	160	-5	–	–	–
286	105	Ashtead	108	110	-5	5.6	4.8	3.7
222	120	Aspen Comms	95	105	–	10.8b	9.8	2.1
430	265	Asprey	330	340●	–	5.8	1.8	17.8
16	3	Assoc Energy	4	5½	–	–	–	–
93	46	Assoc Fermers	52	57	-10	–	–	–
297	141	Assoc Nursing	152	157	–	4.6	2.8	17.5
205	18	Atlantic Sec	18	23	–	–	–	38.2
660	470	Atlan Equipment	648	655	–	22.5	3.3	16.6
42	4½	Austr Gaseral	4	5½	–	0.4	8.9	–
88	52	Autocraft	49	54	–	3.7	10.7	14.8
24	18	Avesco	20	22	–	2.5	12.7	4.8
18½	6	BCE	5	8	–	–	–	–
56	21	BLP Group	28	32	–	0.4	1.7	7.4
22	11	BTS Grp	9	13½	–	0.6	13.5	5.5
188	57	BWD	35	38	–	5.5	13.5	5.6
188	55	Bawerco	38	42	–	2.5	5.8	–
93	40	Bechenham	42	43	-5	4.9	8.6	4.2
98	29	Benford (William)	29	34	–	–	–	8.8
122	69	Berisford (Tom)	93	97	–	0.8	3.5	7.7
70	50	Berry,Birch & Noble	50	56	–	–	–	15.7
256	65	Better Comp Prods	145	149	–	6.7	5.3	16.1
108	62	Bilsom(Alistersons	97	97	–	6.3	6.8	10.5
48	22	Bio Isolates	17	22	–	–	–	37.7
88	7	Blaplan	8	10	–	–	–	–
68	38	Blanchards	–	–	–	–	–	–
110	55	Bletchley Means	98	102	–	10.5	10.2	4.4
155	39	Bluebird Toys	39	42	–	1.8	4.3	11.8
49	29	Border TV	31	31	–	2.8	9.2	11.5
194	65	Borland	144	148	–	–	–	–
155	118	Bowmore Ind	132	136	–	7.6	5.8	6.6
135	85	Br Bloodstock	88	98	–	11.7	13.8	10.2
39½	9½	Broad St	9½	9	–	–	–	3.3
194	56	Brompton Hidgs	58	62	–	4.9	8.6	12.7
3	3	Bute Resources	3	3	–	–	–	60.0
227	57	Business Tech	57	60	–	5.3	9.3	3.4
34	7	CDS Gp	8	8●	–	–	–	5.4
163	131	CML Micro	136	135	–	3.1	2.3	8.7
40	8	CPU Comp	10	10	–	0.6	4.4	19.6
112	106	Cap & Regional	110	120	–	12.2	11.0	4.0
182	146	Capita Gp	155	162	–	4.3	2.7	19.9
93	74	Carrow Phoenix	87	90	–	1.6	2.0	75.0
51	33	Cassidy Bros	38	42	–	1.9	5.2	10.5
47	19	Castle Comm	170	185●	–	11.2	6.3	7.4
121	89	Central Motor	88	93	–	4.3	4.7	9.7
300	259	Chartwell	285	305	–	13	0.4	5.8
170	82	Chelsea Man	97	97●	–	4.6	7.4	–
152	70	Chelsfield Group	87	77	–	9.1	6.5	7.8
57	13	Cheapfist	15	15	–	–	–	–
24½	6½	City & West	9	9	–	–	–	–
88	32	City of Lon	38	38●	–	–	10.8	4.5
148	73	Clarke Hooper	75	75●	+2	3.9	6.1	6.3
12	3	Clearmark	3	3	–	–	–	3.0
111	65	Cluff Resources	68	69	+2	1.3	1.8	67.7
232	60	Colorgrades	60	68	–	7.3	8.8	10.7
163	110	Columbian	116	120	–	7.3	8.3	10.7
71	7	Co of Designers	7	8	–	0.6	10.6	2.8
17	15	Comac	17	17	–	–	–	–
155	73	Conroy Pet	77	77	–	–	–	–
81	29	Cook (DG)	31	33	–	1.3	5.8	8.6
103	48	Cooper Clarke	48	52	–	3.9	8.5	64.1
59	11½	Corp Services	2	2	–	–	–	–
135	66	Crabtree	66	105	+2	2.6	2.7	14.1
47	8	Crestlock	8	10	–	–	–	–
85	60	Cranswick	72	77●	+2	7.5	10.1	8.6
43	2	Crisps Lodge	2	3	–	–	–	–
155	105	Creighton Nat	146	156●	–	7.7	5.3	41.2
88	34	Crossmedia Dll Gp	40	45	–	–	–	–
257	41	Crown Com	41	45	-10	6.7	18.3	–
118	69	Crown Eye	69	75	–	14.6	24.2	7.6
139	39	Davies (DY)	39	39	–	7.6	15.2	4.1
71	70	Dalmet	70	70	–	–	–	14.1
226	145	Dennexs Elec	145	150	–	7.3	5.1	5.7
121	88	Diamond Gp	88	88	–	15.5	–	–
121	88	Dobbin Packaging	88	88	–	15.5	9.7	10.1
540	430	Dock	450	470	–	10.6	2.4	11.6
284	11	Donlon	11	11½	–	0.6	5.5	–
174	100	Dudley Jenkins	100	110	–	5.1	5.1	14.7
94	38	Durham (DG)	40	45●	–	2.7	6.3	9.5
178	77	EM Pest	95	100	–	4.6	4.9	12.9
14	11	Eaga	11	13	–	–	–	5.6
43	23	Ecsc	23	27	–	1.7	6.5	19.8
339	17	Edin Oil & Gas	17	17	–	–	–	–
157	83	Edmdge Pass 'A'	83	83	–	–	–	–
130	110	Epwin	110	120	–	6.4	7.3	8.2
271	218	Eve Group	218	228	–	11.8	9.3	8.9
93	25	Expedtor Plc	27	27	–	0.7	2.6	8.9
38	13	Explorus Hldgs	13	19	–	–	–	–
174	114	Fairbairn Intl	114	124	–	7.9	6.3	11.5
188	84	Fairway London	84	92	–	3.2	3.5	14.6
145	118	Farepak	118	124	–	8.5	11.6	8.5
46	31	Feedback	31	34	–	–	–	11.5
9	7	Ferrari	7	10	–	–	–	2.0
84	54	Ferranti	54	58	–	2.6	3.5	14.4
41	37	Fields (Alex)	37	40	–	–	–	–
112	87	Filofax	87	92	–	2.9	3.2	28.5
31	10	Firebird	10	12	–	–	–	–
108	105	Firebird	105	110	–	–	–	–
21	10	Ford Selby	10	12	–	–	–	–
21	10	Forward Gp	10	12	–	–	–	–
21	10	Forward Gp	10	12	–	–	–	–
95	39	French Conn	39	39	–	–	–	–
240	135	Fuller Smith 'A'	135	140	–	2.8	2.0	17.5
56	32	GCG Gp	32	36	–	–	–	–
305	245	GMS Gp	245	255	–	8.5	3.3	8.7
88	35	Gibbins	35	40	–	–	–	–
88	35	Gibbins Lyons	35	40	–	–	–	–
291	201	Gibbs Mew	201	220	–	9.6	4.4	6.4

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
32	16	Global	17	20	–	–	–	9.6
238	175	Great Southern	195	205	+2	11.2	5.8	13.6
240	85	Green (Ernest)	105	110	-2	4.5	4.6	24.7
7	5	Greenacre	5	6x	–	0.3	5.0	21.4
28	8	Greenwich Comms	8	9	–	–	–	–
30	8	Gulvelsnow	7	12	–	0.2	2.0	89.3
293	153	Hadleigh Ints	153	157	–	8.3	5.4	8.1
118	78	Halls Homes	16	20	–	–	–	–
71	30	Hampden Homecare	27	33	–	1.1	3.7	4.4
221	86	Handley Walker	83	88	–	10.7	12.4	4.8
41	6	Harcourt	7	10	–	–	–	–
46	11	Harmony Leisure	11	20	–	–	–	–
46	5½	Hawthorn Leslie	6½	8	–	–	–	3.5
48	9	Haviland Gp	9	10	–	–	–	–
184	44	Hawtelm	240	270	+10	4.1	1.5	27.1
124½	98	Hazlewood	100	110	–	4.1	2.1	20.7
136	16	Heritage	18	22	–	1.3	6.2	–
118	76	Hewetson	75	80	+2	6.0	7.7	4.8
45	22	Hay & Gwill	22	27	+2	–	–	4.7
91	65	Hebara	65	75	–	1.3	1.8	8.5
24	7	Hebara	8	10	–	–	–	–
105	76	Holmes Tech	78	88	–	6.0	10.7	13.6
98	14	Honeysuckle Gp	23	28	–	–	–	–
240	205	Horsley	232	236	–	10.6	4.5	8.5
37	7	Hughes Food	7	9	+1	–	–	2.9
168	85	Hustlegrit Tech	105	116	–	3.3	2.8	15.9
117	85	HYSTEM	93	93	–	3.5	4.1	6.8
22	8½	Ind Comm & Dels	9½	9½	–	–	–	–
39	20	Ind Scope	20	25	–	2.7	11.7	2.5
60	18	Image Storage	15	20	–	–	–	–
18½	6	Inaco	6½	8	–	–	–	–
76	40	Interserve Gp	42	46	–	–	–	–
75	75	Interlink Express	75	85	–	11.3	13.5	3.4
22	8½	Ind Comms & Data	8½	9	–	–	–	–
6	3	Intl Media	4	5	–	–	–	–
188	92	Intl Resort	95	98	–	4.3	11.0	4.2
11	5	Intl Stores	5	7	+1	–	–	7.3
23	8	Kemp (FE)	5	7	–	–	–	15.7
18½	12	Kenmare Res	11	13	–	–	–	–
335	145	Kewill Systems	160	205	–	6.0	3.1	7.2
72	41	LPA Ind	38	43	–	4.5	11.0	8.4
185	126	Lambert	130	140	–	14.1	7.7	10.7
45	34	Lasco Spear	35	39	–	–	–	–
165	44½	Lawis Plc	39	39●	–	1.5	3.3	21.3
91	36	LCW	36	38	–	1.3	3.4	49.4
148	68	Linrot	77	82	–	6.6	6.5	5.8
3	2	Lincoln Hse	3	5	–	–	–	1.0
135	57	Lon & Clydesde	118	128	–	6.5	6.9	7.8
62	57	Lon Forfaiting	58	62	+1	6.7	10.6	–
115	58	MMT Comp	58	68	–	3.5	6.8	6.7
148	121	MTL Instruments	132	137	–	6.5	4.6	11.3
56	36	Magnetic Materials	36	40	–	4.5	10.5	8.5
41	9	Marsh Gp	9	13	+2	–	–	–
42	15	Marylebone	14	16	–	–	–	2.8
41	22	Maydom	21	26	–	5.7	22.2	–
370	280	Meinhar-Swire	287	297	+2	9.1	3.5	10.6
7	4	Merchant Mort Est	4	5½	+1	–	–	–
280	30	Merrydown Wine	475	485●	–	5.9	1.2	22.5
121	111	Metal Bulletin	110	115	–	8.4	7.4	11.6
155	134	Meteo	138	137	–	8.2	6.1	6.2
165	151	Microtec	157	162●	+2	5.5e	3.4	13.6
16	15	Microvitec	16	16	–	0.3	2.0	8.2
98	66	Midland Scot Res	100	105	–	–	–	–
44	14	Mickie Gp	14	16	–	1.6	12.5	2.6
57	30	Mantic Abbey	30	35	–	2.5	9.5	5.7
40	7	Monrad	11	14	+1	–	–	14.2
27½	8	New England Props	8	10	–	1.3	14.4	13.6
93	65	Do 10%	88	100	–	10.1	11.1	–
230	65	Norbain	220	230	–	9.6	3.6	10.5
38	21	Northumbrian Fire	23	27	–	2.6	9.8	4.3
78	78	Oldmeadow	78	78	–	–	–	–
148	73	Oldham & Little	73	77●	–	7.7	10.1	5.3
132	85	PCT	85	87	–	6.5	8.4	5.8
37	7	PRL	7	8	–	–	–	2.4
77	45	Pacer Systems	45	50	–	–	–	–
7	4	Paramount	4	5	–	–	–	–
11	4½	Petroleum	4½	5	–	–	–	–
398	165	Pegasus	165	185	–	10.1	5.5	5.5
278	73	Penn Group	73	88	–	8.7	10.5	3.4
141	104	Pict Pet	104	108	–	–	–	18.6
110	68	Pittard	68	72	–	–	–	7.1
118	83	Pittencrieff	83	88	–	6.7	10.5	5.1
141	104	Pittis Gp	104	108	–	–	–	6.6
182	78	Pitton Lukens	78	82	–	6.0	7.7	14.5
197	97	Property Trust	97	97	–	–	–	14.8
286	156	Psion	156	160	–	22.0	11.1	13.1
118	57	Quadpoint	57	60	–	–	–	–
112	80	Quarton	80	85	–	2.7	3.2	9.5
148	92	Quest Int	92	96	–	2.7	2.7	17.5
140	92	Quinton Hazell	92	96	–	4.1	4.5	9.5
267	139	Quinton Hazell Ord	139	143	–	4.1	2.8	9.5
140	92	Quinton Hazell Ord	92	96	–	4.1	4.5	9.5
267	139	Quinton Hazell Ord	139	143	–	4.1	2.8	9.5
240	210	Quintin Cons	210	220	–	22.0	7.7	14.5
399	260	Ransome Hoffmann	260	280	–	12.0	3.1	20.5
211	211	Reckitt & Col	211	213	–	16.0	7.5	17.3
237	179	Edinburgh	185	189	-1½	9.7	5.1	24.0
145	109	Edinburgh Scot	109	111	–	4.6	4.1	33.1
224	182	Edinv	182	191●	–	7.7	3.7	37.8
464	146	F & C Eurotrust	147	148	-1	1.5	1.0	–
224	182	F & C Germany	182	191●	–	–	–	19.7
196	174	F & C Pacific	174	182	–	1.5	0.8	68.4
97	87	F & C Smaller	87	91●	–	0.3	0.3	37.9
7	7	First Charlotte	7	8	–	0.3	4.5	34.1
172	97	First Tokyo Index	97	99	–	–	–	–
114	114	Fleming American	114	119	–	1.5	1.3	62.2
232	232	Fleming Claver	232	242	–	12.7	4.2	30.6
147	147	Fleming Far Earlst	147	153	–	5.1	4.0	31.0
155	155	Fleming Fledgling	155	161	–	3.6	2.8	33.4
147	147	Fleming High Inc	147	153	–	5.1	4.0	–
185	185	Fleming Japanese	185	193	–	3.6	1.9	39.4
185	185	Fleming Mercantile	185	193	–	3.6	1.9	37.8
147	147	Fleming Overseas	147	153	–	5.1	3.4	–
121	121	Fleming Universal	121	126	–	3.7	2.8	46.8
146	146	For Est	146	152	–	1.9	1.2	91.2
116	116	GT Japan	116	121	–	–	–	–
157	157	General Cons Cap	157	163	–	–	–	–
119	119	Gen Deal	119	124	–	13.0b	11.6	11.2
119	119	Govett Atlantic	119	124	–	4.7b	3.7	65.6
119	119	Govett Orbital	119	124	–	2.3	1.8	–
119	119	Govett Strategic	119	124	–	6.7	5.5	16.2
208	208	Grantchir	208	208	–	6.7	3.2	49.8
265	265	Greenhills Hmes	265	265	–	6.7	2.5	17.7
265	265	Independent Inv Co	265	265	–	6.7	2.5	–
1078	80	Inv Cos	80	85	–	6.5	8.8	19.8

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
145	91	Shirl Bus	85	89	–	3.4	5.1	8.5
235	210	Spanlan	220	240●	–	7.0	3.0	10.2
91	32	Spectrum	32	36	+1	–	–	–
158	82	Stainless Metal	82	92	–	1.3	2.9	4.1
170	84	Stanhope Props	102	105	+1	0.1	0.1	21.1
146	76	Sterling Pub	76	78●	–	6.0	10.5	5.1
31	24	Sterling Yel	27	30	–	5.3	18.3	2.5
312	17	Strategic Elect	17	20	+1	–	–	2.0
60	23	Sutherland	23	27	–	1.1	3.7	4.4
218	98	Synapse Comp	108	110	-2	4.5	4.3	–
25	7	TDS Circuits	8	10	–	–	–	–
23	7	TM Group	7	8	–	0.7	12.5	6.0
330	213	TMD Advert	212	217	–	8.4	3.8	10.1
218	185	TV-am	185	191.90	–	16.0	8.6	8.6
107	16	Telecompairing	17	22	–	–	–	–
14	6½	Telford Gp	6½	9	–	–	–	–
14	6	Tendo	5	8	–	–

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Tough decisions loom on dividends

Board meetings to fix dividends are likely to be the scene of increasing anguish and debate over the coming months.

Companies have been battening down the hatches to prepare for the recessionary storm, but except for those in deep financial trouble, boards have seen maintained and even increased dividends as sacrosanct to maintain shareholders' confidence. This is unlikely to last.

In the third quarter of last year, the corporate sector's financial deficit, though still a worrying £7.7 billion, fell from the peak £8.2 billion in the second quarter. However, any relief for investors must be limited.

The outflow was staunched by cutting stocks by £1 billion and capital investment by £800 million and, at that stage, total profits had scarcely started to fall, thanks to overseas income.

As the fall in profits accelerates and the scope for cutting stocks dries up, more and more questions are likely to be asked about dividends, which have been growing relentlessly against the tide. In 1985, payments took an average 18 per cent of available profits of industrial and commercial companies.

As boards adjusted to the changed tax regime, the takeover boom and the needs of institutional shareholders, the share of dividends rose above 27 per cent in 1988, jumped to 37 per cent as profits faltered in 1989, reached 44 per cent in the latest four quarters and 49 per cent in the quarter to end-September.

There is strong pressure for big companies to keep dividends rising in line with inflation, or at least to maintain payments through the recession if they can.

Few boards, for instance, would care to ignore the encouragement of M&G, one of the most loyal and supportive institutional shareholders. M&G surely speaks for private investors, too.

In cyclical sectors, such as banking and insurance, shares rest heavily on dividends.

The pressures from trading and from bankers will mount in the opposite direction. Nor is the institutional shareholders' view unanimous.

David Barker of Royal Insurance Asset Management, for instance, believes that British companies have been damaged against their continental and Japanese rivals by institutional dividend greed.

No leading company chairman wants to be among the first to break ranks, for fear of the long-term damage to his company's investment standing. But when one or two move, they are likely to set off an avalanche of cuts or disappointing payouts.

That is, no doubt, what M&G fears. Cutting the dividend could become a perverse fashion and should certainly not be undertaken lightly as a response to lower earnings, especially by companies in cyclical industries whose balance sheets and cash flow remain comfortable. But the bonanza is over. When profits eventually recover, investors must expect dividend growth to lag sedately behind.

COMMENT

Sad gold

When President Tito of Yugoslavia in his dying days had his left leg amputated, the gold market was gripped by a wave of fear and the bullion price rose by $50 an ounce.

Cynics debated how much further gold would rise if Tito's right leg was amputated. The month was January, the year 1980. Gold touched $835 an ounce.

Almost exactly 11 years on, war looms in the Gulf and gold trades in a miserably narrow range, at an historically miserable price.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait last August, the world price managed a knee-jerk reaction and faded during the month between $370 and $414. Bullion was $1.50 down at $389.75 an ounce yesterday.

Analysts are saying that, if war does break out, then gold might jump nervously to over $400 — but will not get to $500 an ounce. They also say that if there is no war, then the metal could trade between $370 and $380 and that, within six months, gold could be back at $340.

The Seventies saw gold released from its land-locked price of $35 an ounce, when American private ownership of gold was legalized.

The fad of owning one solid ounce of gold in coin form gave gold a common touch.

It was a time when the physical markets of London and Zurich dominated. Twenty years on, there is a plethora of markets where bullion is transacted, a host of gold-related instruments (including futures markets) in which to trade, and an abundance of supply.

Derivatives have smoothed the path of the physical market.

Gold, once unquestionably the ultimate store of international value, today fights for attention as a hedge against interest-bearing instruments — notably the dollar — and can no longer rely on the fear of runaway inflation to win it new friends.

The Gulf and any Middle Eastern theatre of war are far removed from the producing areas of the world, so no threat to global production can be expected. New mine production continues to come on stream and many producers still rush to sell into any hint of a rally.

The irony is that the Gulf conflict has clipped the buying power of gold's traditional bulls in the Middle East.

And as Saudi Arabian banks proved three times last year, even the Middle East can turn sellers.

Flight of cash brings Pan Am full circle

PAN American Corporation's collapse marks the end of a two-year fight for its survival as an independent airline and what analysts believe to be the first big shake-up of the aviation industry since America declared a free market more than 12 years ago.

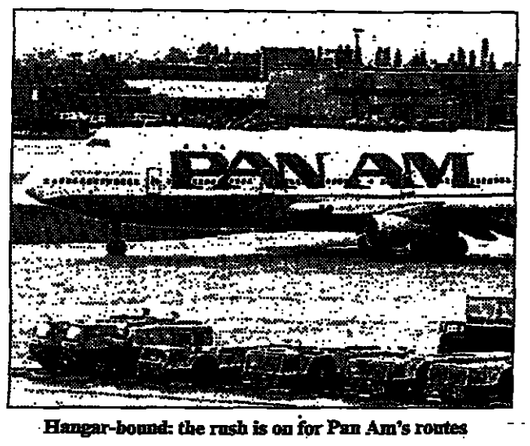
The airline's fight for cash — it was down to its last $40 million a fortnight ago — was made much more acute after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August, sending the aviation fuel price, an airline's second biggest cost after its workforce, up more than 70 per cent.

Pan Am, started as a postal carrier between Florida and Havana in 1927, had been straining under a huge debt burden for most of the Eighties. The debt was taken on after a bidding war with Texas Air to buy National Airlines and build routes into and out of Miami.

In the last decade, the airline, once America's unofficial flagship carrier and the first commercial jet operator over the Atlantic and Pacific, lost $2 billion. In the three months to end-September it was losing over $350,000 a day.

Analysts say Pan Am's troubles can be traced back to 1978, after deregulation opened foreign routes to competitors that until then Pan Am had dominated for more than 20 years. But it had ignored the home market, and was suddenly unable to compete with airlines that had built domestic routes to feed passengers to their overseas flights.

Even before 1978, Pan Am had already been giving ground to TWA, the rival that replaced it as America's No 1 airline in 1969. Pan Am tried to establish an internal network in 1980, bidding for the Miami-based National Airlines which saddled it with large debts. The following year it sold its Intercontinental Hotel chain, started in 1947, to Grand Metropolitan, and followed that with the sale of its Pacific routes to United Airlines in 1986 for $750 million. With the money it bought a regional carrier in Philadelphia, renaming it the Pan Am Express.



Hangar-bound: the rush is on for Pan Am's routes

But industry experts say it had left it too late to compete in the domestic market against the more established American carriers such as American, United, and Delta. In 1989, shortly after Thomas Plaskett, the chairman and chief executive, had said Pan Am needed a partner or fresh cash, it attempted, but failed in, a bid for Northwest Airlines, at the time America's fourth largest.

Last year Pan Am put its Boston-New York-Washington commuter shuttle up for sale for $350 million, but found no takers. It cut 2,500 jobs, returned five of its 35 Boeing 747s to their owners and cut several internal flights. Dependent for revenue on transatlantic flights, passenger traffic was dramatically reduced after the disaster on flight 103 in December 1988 which crashed at Lockerbie.

Four months ago, and desperate for money, Pan Am put its crown jewels up for sale, a package of flights into Heathrow airport, routes highly coveted by other American airlines. Under the bilateral agreements that cover who flies where around the world, only Pan American and its rival TWA are allowed to fly directly into London's main airport.

The package, worth $400 million, was to have been bought by United Airlines, now America's largest airline with an appetite for world domination of the skies and a chequebook to match. The Heathrow routes are a key part of that ambitions. The deal would have given United Pan Am's 14.3 per cent of the North Atlantic passenger traffic, where TWA has 11.6 per cent and British Airways 11 per cent.

But opposition from British Airways, other rival American airlines and the lack of a quick decision from the British aviation authorities, which must approve ownership changes, took too long for the United money to be of benefit.

The US authorities yesterday gave tentative approval to the deal but it is still awaiting the go ahead from the British side. While approvals were being sought, a takeover bid for Pan Am emerged from rival TWA. But the bid became bogged in a barrage of bickering and argument between Mr Plaskett and Carl Icahn, TWA's chairman and chief executive.

Among the conditions Mr Icahn demanded before he would bid or lend Pan Am any short-term cash were that Mr Plaskett be removed and that Pan Am go through the bankruptcy court protection proceedings of Chapter 11 to safeguard TWA money.

Pan Am still flies to over 40 European cities, more than any other US airline combined, and with court protection against creditors while it reorganises finances, analysts forecast there will be intense bidding for some of its routes.

Cash shortages have always posed problems at Pan Am. The airline had to merge with Florida Airways and Juan Trippe's Aviation Company of America to keep going as long ago as 1927.

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TEMPUS

Bid hopes bolster Goode

ON PAPER, Goode Durrant, the vehicle hire, Ford dealership, construction and financial services conglomerate, does not look to have been very clever in its choice of acquisitions.

None of its companies could be said to operate in thriving sectors and this is reflected in the 21 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £5.33 million for the six months to the end of October.

Even worse, the company is making increasingly pessimistic noises about the second half, when profits are not expected to match the interim figures. This suggests both interest and dividend cover will come under strong pressure this year, especially if Goode decides to maintain its full-year payout.

But, in the circumstances, Goode seems to be making the best of a bad job. It has cut back the size its vehicle hire fleet and increased utilisation rates to beyond 90 per cent. The house-building division has adopted conservative accounting policies towards capitalising interest and work in progress and operates mainly in the less recession-hit Northwest.

The vehicle distribution division is protected from the worst effects of the fall in new car sales by relying more heavily than most dealers on income from after sales service. The projected sale of the company's bank and commodity trading subsidiaries could also ease balance sheet pressure.

But in the short term, the most intriguing possibilities centre on the presence of a distinctly unfriendly 25 per cent shareholder in the form of the private Winnedael investment vehicle.

On fundamentals alone, the shares, at 79p, look, at worst, fairly valued. Forecast earnings of £8.5 million to £9.75 million put the company on prospective multiples ranging from 6.7 to about 8 times.

At these levels there appears to be little bid speculation in the price, and with net assets of 115p per share, the upside for shareholders in the event of a takeover attempt could be considerable. Given the short term bid potential and the long term recovery prospects, the stock has its attractions

Mowat Group

FOR a property and leisure company to succeed in replacing short-term debt with medium-term finance in the current market is not far short of a corporate miracle. The fact that Mowat Group's USM-quoted shares celebrated the arrival of £33.5 million of three- to four-year money by rising just 1p to 13p shows how much out of favour both sectors are.

Shareholders should not hold their breath waiting for greater celebrations. Companies such as Mowat, which are highly dependent on the British economy, are likely to remain out of favour. But that rather misses the point of the refinancing deal.

In both the property and leisure industries it is a time for survival. What Mowat appears to have ensured is that it is among the survivors.

Replacing short-term debt with medium-term debt does bring for the company's bang, which remains diff 100 per cent. The comfo is that most of the three debt is repayable in rather four years' time.

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This year's profits are in vant anyway. What is i portant is that for Mowat least, there should be a nex year.

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Subterranean aeroplanes

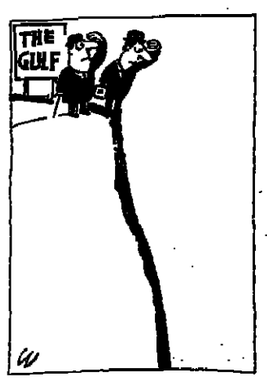
WHEN the Channel tunnel is finally operational and you take your car on its first subsea trip to France you could be forgiven for thinking, upon your return, that the car looks much the same as it did before you departed. Perhaps a little dirtier and with a few more miles on the clock. But according to some people who know about such things, your car will no longer be a car at all. It will, believe it or not, be an aeroplane. John Pickles, tax partner at Moore Stephens, the City accountancy firm, has been poring over the Channel Tunnel (Customs & Excise) Order 1990, a piece of legislation introduced specifically to allow the Customs & Excise to deal with the tunnel. "If the Customs want to go and raid someone and seize their car because they are carrying too many illegal goodies, the law that will be used to force you to forfeit the car actually says that any motor vehicle is an aircraft," says Pickles, somewhat bemused. If, however, you have consumed rather too many of those illegal goodies by the time you have to face British customs officials, it might, of course, all make perfect sense.

ID for Tessas

INVESTORS may find it difficult to open one of the new tax-exempt special savings accounts, or Tessas. As hundreds of millions of pounds flood into the accounts, offered by banks and building societies — with queues forming outside some branches — the Building Societies Association has given a warning that guidelines to stop criminals laundering drug money or financing terrorism could delay or even prevent other lawful tax-avoiding investment. Banks and building societies will no longer accept birth certificates or credit cards as identification, since these are "easily forgeable". Instead, unless you are an existing account holder, you will need to produce either a valid "full" passport, an armed forces identity card, a signed employer identity card, bearing both a photograph and signature, or a full British driving licence.

Words of advice

AS NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, prepares for a weekend at Chevening, in Kent, with the Treasury's mandarins, discussing the likely date and content of the Budget, he might be grateful for input from 40 chief economists and 25 or so finance directors. In a survey by *European Business Today*, the daily financial programme broadcast on Sky News, in Britain, and NHK, in Japan, 75 per cent of them were adamant that sterling should not be devalued. They also agreed that the general election should be left as late as possible, until the summer of 1992, if the Conservatives are to have any chance of winning, pointing out that that would allow Lamont two Budgets to salvage the economy. As for this year's Budget it should, they said, be "generous and expansionary". But, speaking on last night's programme, Anthony Thomas, senior economist at Kleinwort Benson, and the man who accurately predicted both the date of the last general election and Britain's entry into ERM, went out on a limb by saying that he thought the next election would be nine months away. While agreeing that the pound should not be devalued he concludes, however, that whenever economists agree about anything, the correct course of action is invariably the opposite.



Working lunch

THE recession is bad news for just about everyone, except, that is, accountants and liquidation lawyers. To prove the point, Neville Russell, the Birmingham firm of chartered accountants, held a "beat the recession" luncheon party for local bankers, venture capitalists, stockbrokers and solicitors, serving tankards of ale and meat pies. Mary Martin, the partner in charge of the corporate services department, presented four cameos depicting ways Neville Russell had helped its clients to "beat the recession" last year. "We all need each other if we are going to help West Midlands and Birmingham businesses survive and prosper during 1991," she said. Britain's big four clearing banks should perhaps take note.

No kidding

THE continuing spate of redundancies in the Square Mile is not solely the reserve of broking firms and merchant banks. It is even affecting the world of financial journalism. Roger Kidd, aged 58, assistant city editor at Extel, the City's electronic news system, returned from his Christmas break to be told that his services were no longer required. "About 30 people were made redundant on Friday," says Kidd sadly. "I had the day off, but when I arrived on Monday morning they called me in and told me that my name was also on the hit list." Kidd, known affectionately as the Arthur Daley of stock market reporters, joined Extel ten years ago and previously worked for the *Evening News*, under Christopher Fildes. He began his career, at the age of 14, as an office boy with Henry Pawle, the no longer existing stockbroking firm.

CAROL LEONARD

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allied Lyons (*474)	430	59	78	93	1	6	12
	460	24	48	65	5½	16	25
	500	4	25	36	30	37	45
ASDA (*118)	110	9½	–	–	2	–	–
	120	3	–	–	8	–	–
	130	1	6½	11	15	17	19
Boots (*1034)	950	93	133	157	3	14	24
	1000	47	94	122	10	28	40
	1050	19	65	92	30	52	65
Boots (*318)	300	21	35	43	4	8½	13
	330	5½	19	25	17	21	24
	360	1	6½	15	46	45	46
Brit Air. (*142)	130	15	22	24	2½	5	9
	140	8	15	17	5	10	14
	160	2	6½	9	20	22	26
BP (*323)	300	27	37	44	2	9	14
	330	6½	18	27	13	20	23
	360	3	9½	18	38	40	41
Brit Steel (*118)	110	7	13	15	1½	4	6½
	120	1½	6½	9	8	9½	13
	130	½	3½	5	16	18	20
C & W (*445)	420	35	53	68	4½	13	20
	460	9½	31	46	21	32	38
	500	2½	18	31	57	59	61
Com Union (*447)	420	35	45	58	2½	12	17
	460	6½	18	32	15	32	35
	500	1	8	18	55	62	65
Courtauld (*312)	300	20	36	42	3½	10	15
	330	4	19	25	19	24	30
	360	1½	9	14	47	47	50
GKN (*320)	280	40	47	50	1½	10	14
	300	22	30	37	4	18	20
	330	4	18	23	17	35	35
Grand Met. (*672)	600	74	96	107	3	11	18
	650	27	51	73	14	28	33
	700	4½	29	46	47	54	58
ICI (*884)	800	72	93	107	6	25	31
	850	31	57	77	14	47	52
	900	10	32	54	44	77	80
Kingfisher (*366)	360	19	36	43	9	17	24
	380	4½	22	28	24	28	36
	420	1	12	18	54	54	58
Ladbroke (*240)	240	12	25	28	6	12½	18
	260	4	14	19	20	26	30
	280	1	6	12	40	40	42
Land Sec. (*512)	480	57	75	82	2	5½	11
	500	22	45	53	6½	16	25
	550	2½	21	28	40	48	53
M & S (*224)	200	26	36	–	1½	4	–
	220	9½	21	28	5½	10	13
	240	2	11	18	19	21	23
STC (*323)	280	45	46	46	½	½	½
	300	25	25	25	½	½	½
	330	1	1	1	14	14	14
Sainsbury (*307)	280	32	42	50	1½	4½	8
	300	14	28	36	4	11	15
	330	2½	13	20	34	26	28
Shell (*445)	450	30	38	55	3	11	15
	480	8	19	33	16	32	35
	500	3	9	17	58	58	58
Stand Chartd. (*608)	550	58	77	83	2½	12	17
	600	17	45	62	13	28	35
	650	3	22	39	52	55	62
Sterling (*104)	100	8	14	17	4	7	10
	110	3	8½	12	10	12	15
	120	1	6½	8	19	20	21
Tarmac (*195)	180	20	27	31	2	4½	6
	190	21	33	32	2½	10	16
	200	7	26	22	10	20	25
Ultramar (*328)	300	32	40	52	3	9	12
	330	10	23	32	12	20	23
	360	4½	11	20	35	40	43
Unilever (*688)	600	74	92	102	2	9	14
	650	30	54	68	6	22	28
	700	9	27	43	37	48	55
	750	2	11	–	85	90	–
Utd Biscs (*324)	300	29	36	42	2	9	11
	330	8	16	24	11	22	25
	360	1½	6	–	38	42	–

	Series	Puts Feb	May	Aug	Calls Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*404)	360	50	65	72	4	9	14
	390	28	45	58	11	20	26
	420	12	28	38	26	32	36
BAT Ind (*573)	500	87	99	112	3	8	12
	550	45	60	77	9	22	27
	600	16	35	50	35	45	50
	650	6	–	–	80	–	–
BTR (*310)	280	40	43	54	3	10	11
	300	21	29	42	7	17	20
	330	7	15	25	24	33	35
Brit Aero (*525)	500	42	53	68	13	30	37
	550	16	28	42	42	56	65
	600	4	13	–	88	93	–
Brit Tele (*278)	260	24	37	42	3½	7	12
	280	12	24	35	11½	15	20
	300	4½	13	20	26	28	31
Cadbury (*324)	300	30	36	46	4½	12	15
	330	12	20	29	17	25	28
	360	4	11	18	43	46	48
Gaharoo (*760)	700	72	90	112	6	18	22
	750	36	58	82	22	36	42
	800	14	36	57	52	64	70
GEC (*170)	160	14	22	25	3½	6	9
	180	6½	10½	14	14	17	19
	200	1½	4½	7½	33	34	35
Reuters (*161)	180	8½	16½	20½	6	9	11½
	200	2½	8	12	21	21½	23
	220	1	3½	–	40	40	–
LASMO (*369)	360	30	42	58	10	20	25
	390	13	25	35	28	35	38
	420	5	16	26	55	55	57
P & O (*500)	450	52	65	74	6	19	24
	500	27	40	54	19	36	42
	550	8	21	31	55	72	75
Pilkington (*167)	140	31	38	38	1½	2½	4
	160	32	39	40	2	4½	8
	180	17	26	28	5½	11	16

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Prudential (*192)	180	19	28	28	2½	7	9
	200	5½	11	18	10	18	20
	220	1½	5	10	28	32	35
Racal (*170)	160	18	27	32	5½	11	13
	180	7	15	22	15½	20½	24
	200	3½	9¼	15	33	36	36
RTZ (*427)	390	45	52	64	8	19	22
	420	23	34	47	18	32	34
	460	8	18	28	45	57	60
Scot & Newc. (*356)	330	38	48	53	5	9½	14
	360	14	30	37	18	28	28
	390	4	17	23	40	40	47
Tesco (*228)	200	33	39	45	2	2½	3½
	220	17	22	30	3½	7½	9½
	240	6	13	20	13	19	21
Thomas Wtr. (*257)	240	29	37	41	2½	6	10
	260	12	23	27	9	14	19
	280	4	13	18	22	24	29
Wtr Package (*22808)	2300	280	–	–	15	–	–
	2350	280	–	–	25	–	–
	2400	240	–	–	50	–	–

	Series	Puts Jan	Calls Jan
Fennell (*14)	20	¾	–
	25	½	–
	29	¼	–

	Series	Puts Feb	May	Aug	Calls Feb	May	Aug
Lucas (*125)	130	8	14	19	9	14	18
	140	5	10	14	15	20	22
	160	1½	5	9	35	37	38

	Series	Puts Feb	Apr	Jul	Calls Feb	Apr	Jul
Racal (*390)	330	49	48	–	3	7½	–
	360	21	26	41	11	17	21
	390	8	14	25	28	34	36

	Series	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep
Abbey Nat. (*220)	200	31	33	–	3	4½	–
	220	15	20	23	9¼	11	13
	240	6	11½	15	23	24	25
Amstrad (*64)	50	17	19½	21	2	2¼	2½
	60	5¼	12½	14	4	6	7½
	70	4	7	9	11	12	13
Barclays (*348)	330	30	37	45	14	20	27
	360	15	23	30	30	36	42
	390	5	12	19	58	60	62
Blue Circ (*208)	200	23	26	31	8	14	17
	220	12	18	21	16	25	28
	240	6	10	14	33	40	42
Brit Gas (*229)	200	31	39	41	2	4	6
	220	15½	25	28	7½	9½	12
	240	7	13	18	18	20	24
Dixons (*139)	120	22	28	–	3½	6	–
	130	15	21	23½	6	10	11
	140	10	15½	18½	9	13	15
Glaxo (*617)	600	52	82	110	28	40	47
	650	27	57	78	52	65	72
	900	14	38	56	97	100	103
Hanson (*432)	360	80	67	75	11	20	22
	420	37	47	55	29	37	37
	460	18	27	39	40	55	60
Hillsdown (*240)	240	17	23	30	11	17	19
	260	8	13	20	25	29	31
	280	4	7½	14	43	45	46
Lonhro (*205)	200	11	19	22	18	18	22
	220	5	11	16	31	32	35
Midland (*174)	160	11	18	19	16	20	23
	200	4½	9	10	35	37	40
	220	2½	5½	7	55	55	57
Reuter (*557)	600	115	140	–	–	24	38	–
	650	80	112	130	40	58	62
	700	55	88	108	85	82	90
R-Royce (*156)	140	23	28	28	3½	7	8
	160	9½	12	17	10	17	18
	180	3½	6	9½	25	31	32
Sears (*55)	90	10	13	14	–	5	6½	8
	100	5	6½	9	10	14	15
	110	2	–	–	18	–	–
THF (*238)	240	16	22	28	10	17	19
	260	7	18	19	23	28	31
	280	4	7	–	42	42	–
Thorn EMI (*674)	600	95	111	114	7	12	17
	650	53	78	78	17	25	35
	700	28	48	49	38	45	50
TSB (*129)	120	14	16	–	3	4½	–
	130	8	9	12	8	9½	11½
	140	3	6½	8	16	16	19
Utd Rests (*368)	80	14	17	19	5	7	10
	70	8	13	14	10	11	14
Wellcome (*408)	380	42	57	–	15	23	–
	420	25	40	52	28	35	37
	460	13	25	35	58	60	60

	Series	Puts Jan	Mar	May	Calls Jan	Mar	May
Eastern Elec (*138)	120	12	17	21	3	4	7
	140	4	10	15	5	9	11
	160	1½	4	7	23	24	24
Southern Elec (*141)	130	15	18	23	2½	4½	6
	140	8	11	16	5	7	8½
	150	2	4	7½	21	22	22
Elo Package (*£1450)	1450	45	100	–	45	70	–
	1500	25	80	–	75	100	–
	1550	15	60	–	110	130	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2101)

	2000	2050	2100	2150	2200	2250
Calls						
Jan	135	94	55	33	16	9
Feb	158	122	90	64	45	30
Mar	180	152	118	90	70	47
Apr	200	168	135	110	88	69
Jun	228	–	170	–	120	–
Puts						
Jan	20	30	52	80	118	161
Feb	40	53	71	102	135	173
Mar	64	78	90	117	149	185
Apr	87	82	97	125	165	195
Jun	78	–	116½	–	177	–

January 8, 1991 Total: 36348 Calls 17288 Puts 19060 *Underlying security price. †FT-SE: Calls 4716 Puts 9345

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	558.1	–1.3	–33.8	–1.0	–25.4	–1.2	–21.8
(free)	106.8	–1.3	–33.8	–1.1	–25.3	–1.2	–21.8
EAFE	957.1	–1.8	–38.6	–1.8	–32.8	–1.7	–27.4
(free)	98.4	–1.8	–38.6	–1.9	–32.9	–1.7	–27.5
Europe	577.7	–0.9	–24.1	–0.9	–21.2	–0.8	–10.3
(free)	125.2	–0.9	–23.4	–1.1	–20.7	–0.8	–9.5
Nth America	407.9	–0.5	–24.2	–0.3	–10.5	–0.3	–10.5
Nordic	1017.2	–1.1	–34.6	–1.1	–29.4	–1.0	–22.8
(free)	167.3	–1.1	–28.9	–0.9	–23.5	–0.9	–16.0
Pacific	2113.7	–2.5	–46.7	–2.5	–39.9	–2.3	–37.0
Far East	3062.8	–2.6	–47.1	–2.6	–40.5	–2.4	–37.5
Australia	224.3	–0.1	–35.4	–0.3	–22.5	0.0	–23.7
Austria	1211.5	–2.9	–18.5	–2.9	–12.7	–2.8	–3.7
Belgium	570.8	–0.8	–31.9	–0.7	–28.5	–0.6	–19.5
Canada	423.9	–0.3	–29.4	–0.5	–17.1	–0.2	–16.6
Denmark	1006.8	–0.3	–23.5	–0.1	–18.9	–0.1	–9.7
Finland	61.3	–1.8	–46.9	–1.7	–42.8	–1.7	–37.2
(free)	85.4	–1.6	–42.7	–1.5	–38.3	–1.5	–32.3
France	559.5	–0.8	–30.8	–0.7	–26.4	–0.7	–18.3
Germany	661.4	–0.3	–27.9	–0.2	–22.8	–0.2	–14.9
Hong Kong	1937.2	–0.9	–12.7	–0.8	3.1	–0.8	3.2
Italy	250.4	–1.9	–35.0	–1.8	–30.2	–1.8	–23.3
Japan	3209.6	–2.7	–48.0	–2.7	–41.6	–2.5	–38.5
Netherlands	721.8	–0.7	–23.7	–0.5	–18.3	–0.5	–9.8
New Zealand	52.2	–1.4	–49.4	–1.6	–40.0	–1.3	–40.2
Norway	1054.2	–0.9	–21.5	–0.8	–15.6	–0.8	–7.2
(free)	185.7	–1.1	–20.5	–1.0	–14.6	–1.0	–8.1
Sing/Malay	1436.9	–1.6	–28.0	–1.3	–21.2	–1.5	–14.9
Spain	160.3	–1.2	–32.3	–1.4	–29.1	–1.1	–20.0
Sweden	1056.7	–1.5	–39.8	–1.5	–34.4	–1.4	–28.8
(free)	153.1	–1.9	–36.8	–1.8	–31.1	–1.7	–25.3
Switzerland	678.8	–1.2	–25.8	–1.3	–26.5	–1.1	–12.3
(free)	103.6	–1.3	–25.8	–1.4	–26.6	–1.1	–12.4
UK	824.9	–0.9	–13.3	–0.9	–13.3	–0.8	2.4
USA	368.5	–0.5	–23.7	–0.3	–9.9	–0.3	–9.9

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 7	January 18	April 11	April 22

Call options were taken out on: 8/1/91 Astec (BSR), Aviva Petroleum, Brunning Group, Davy Corp, Premier Cons, Standard & Chart

TOKYO

War fears send index tumbling 838 points

THE Tokyo stock market seems to be buckling at the knees. The Nikkei index sank more than 800 points to its lowest in more than a month as investors finally seemed to acknowledge the possibility of war in the Middle East, an event that the ever-bullish economists at Nomura Securities had been assuring them would not occur.

The Nikkei fell 838.73 points, or 3.53 per cent, to 22,897.84. This was the first time it had sunk below 23,000 since December 6, dashing hopes that 1991 would see the Nikkei climb briskly off its sick-bed.

Japan's financial community has also been stunned by reports that a portfolio manager at Nikko Securities, another of Japan's big four brokers, misused at least 400 million yen (£1.54 million), and possibly more than Y1 billion, of a client's cash.

He apparently used it in an attempt to cover up losses suffered during the Nikkei's collapse at the end of last year.

It is the sort of story that made headlines in London and New York after the 1987 crash. But it is the first time one of Japan's big brokers has been involved in such a scandal as a result of last year's 40 per cent slide in Tokyo share values.

Nikko has paid Y1.2 billion to the president of a jewellery company in an out-of-court settlement and suspended the employee. The president handed Y420 million to a manager to buy shares in Nippon Sharyi, a roll[illegible] sales-maker.

Instead, the money diverted man is said to have lost losses he had run up buying and selling shares for the same client.

JOE JOSEPH

STOCK MARKET

Gulf worries force dealers to take a defensive stance

MARKET-MAKERS went on the defensive as events in the Middle East continued to dominate sentiment. "Staying out of trouble" is the name of the game these days with dealers striving to maintain level positions – just in case hostilities break out and they are left with large positions.

Prices were marked lower at the start after overnight setbacks in New York and Tokyo. The FT-SE 100 index dipped through the 2,100 level but closed just off the bottom with a fall of 13.4 at 2,099.9. Turnover reached 376 million shares. The FT index of 30 shares also lost 10.9 at 1,636.9. Government securities replaced gains of £½ with losses of £¼ at the longer end.

The BTR industrial conglomerate retreated 5p to 310p as

Queens Moat, the hotelier, fell 2p to 86p as Smith New Court placed 8.5 million shares, almost 1 per cent, with institutions at 84½p. The shares may have been part of a package acquired by an institutional investor in return for its holding in Norfolk Capital, which Queens Moat bought last year.

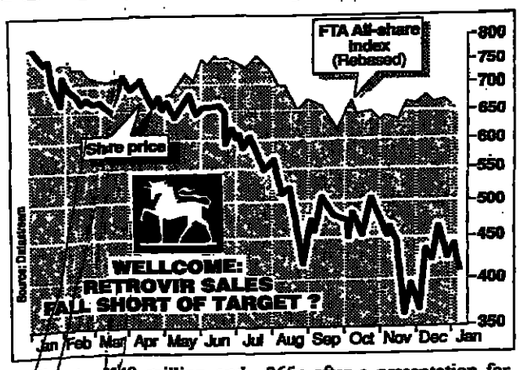
a line of 5 million shares went through the market. By the clos[illegible] 11 million shares had been traded. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, has fallen into line with other brokers and cut its fore-ast of re-t[illegible] profits for ust year from £1.05 billi[illegible] to £960 million. It has pencilled in £1.02 billion for the current year again[illegible] £1.05 billion.

County expects Alan Jackson, the new chief executive, to make up the company. The reductions in the forecasts relate to the extra costs from this.

Wellcome fell 14p to 406p after a downgrading of profits by Hoare Govett, the broker. Hoare has reduced its estimate for the current year by £10 million to £340 million and for next year by £20 million to £400 million. It has also downgraded its estimates for the sales of Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug. Sales of the drug have not been as buoyant in the United States as forecasts had suggested.

Tate & Lyle eased 1p to 265p after a presentation for analysts and fund managers which was about the price of sugar on the world market. Dealers say that the price in Europe is out of line with the rest of the world.

ADT, the fast-growing security and industrial services group, slipped 4p to 101p.



Source: Datastream

Speculation is increasing that the group is preparing to write off the losses on its investment in Christies International, the fine art auctioneer. The 23 per cent stake is in ADT's books at £100 million, but with the Christies share price hovering at about 163p, the holding is now only valued at £65 million in the market.

TSB Group eased 1½p to 129p with the market expressing concern at the disposal of Target, its life assurance business, to Equity & Law at a loss estimated to be more than £200 million. TSB paid £227 million for Target at the height of the bull market in 1987, but last year Target lost £55 million.

The deal cast a shadow over the other life assurers. Falls were seen in Britannic, 4p to

Crown Communications fell 10p to 41p as Barclays Bank took its stake below 3 per cent. Analysts are worried that Crown's full-year figures next Tuesday will contain bad news. The group, which owns LBC, has extensive debts, stemming from the launch of its split-frequency services.

323p, Legal & General, 5p to 359p, Lloyds Abbey, 5p to 318p, London & Manchester, 2p to 308p, Prudential, 3p to 192p, Refuge, 5p to 589p and Sun Life, 15p to £10.45.

The banks continued to feel the effects of this week's collapse of the Bank of New England. National Westminster, which is being forced to inject at least $100 million into its loss-making American side, fell 4p to 265p. There were also losses for Barclays, 3p to 345p, Lloyds, 7p to 283p and Midland, 4p to 174p.

Embassy Property, quoted on the USM, tumbled 12p to 23p – making a two-day fall of 22p – after issuing a warning on interim losses.

MICHAEL CLARK

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	308	CU	940	Lonrho	1,492	Slough	85
Abbey Nat	984	Cookson	58	Lucas	1,917	Smith & N	1,860
Alld-Lyons	1,326	Courtaulds	1,711	Manpower	271	SK Beech	3,003
Amstrad	9,205	Delgety	192	M&S	4,794	Do Uts	293
Anglian	242	Dixons	900	Maxwell Cm	257	Smith WH	592
Argos	277	ECC	106	MB Group	5,691	Smiths Ind	746
ASDA	2,252	Enterprise	860	MEPC	94	STC	575
AB Foods	289	Ferranti	380	Midland	2,827	Stan Chart	648
Argyll	1,231	Fisons	906	Nat West	1,444	Storehse	487
BAA	1,142	FKI	1,402	Next	6,879	Sun Alnce	1,119
BET	1,160	Gen Acc	409	Nth Food	145	Sun Life	5
BTR	11,606	GEC	3,106	P&O	1,132	T & N	1,189
BAT	2,730	Glaxo	1,199	Pearson	225	TI Group	142
Barclays	2,588	Glynwed	335	Pilkington	4,255	Tarmac	1,077
Bass	195	Granada	603	Prudential	2,526	Tate & Lyle	997
Beazer	191	Grand Met	3,377	Racal	5,068	Taylor Wood	496
Berisfd Intl	659	GUS 'A'	348	Racal Tele	188	TSB	6,158
BICC	580	GRE	726	Rk Hovis	1,729	Tesco	2,431
Blue Circle	3,101	GKN	1,523	Rank	196	Thames Wtr	692
BOC	963	Guinness	1,186	RMC	174	Thorn EMI	280
Boots	1,921	Hamm 'A'	153	Redland	476	Trafalgar	401
BPB	58	Hanson	6,077	Reed	971	THF	1,687
Br Aero	1,087	Do Wts	431	Reuters	614	Ultramar	285
Br Airways	1,033	H & C	326	RMC Gp	285	Unigate	998
Br Gas	4,167	Hawker	252	RTZ	1,149	Unilever	375
Br Land	276	Hitachi	861	R-Royce	2,099	United Bis	1,331
Br Petrol	986	IMI	87	Rothmn 'B'	256	United News	297
Br Steel	6,102	ICI	391	Royal Bank	1,459	Wellcome	632
Br Telecm	2,485	Inchcape	433	Royal Ins	353	Welsh	423
Bunzl	713	Kingfisher	479	Saatchi	407	Wessex	293
Burmah	2,092	Lasmo	1,417	Sainsbury	1,055	Whitbrd	511
Burton	877	Ladbroke	3,158	Scot & N	258	Wig Teape	2,397
C&W	1,075	Land Sec	234	Sears	2,588	Williams	361
Cadbury	596	Laporte	23	Sedgwick	710	Wills Cor	828
Calor	222	L&G	382	Severn Trnt	645	Wimpey G	836
Carlton	1,501	Lloyds	855	Shell	2,312		
Coats	763	Lloyds Abb	1,494	Slebe	262		

WALL STREET

Blue chips retreat in morning

New York

AFTER a recovery following Monday's decline of 43 points, blue chips retreated in morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5 points to 2,517.77 after advancing 7 points.

Ricky Harrington, a technical analyst at Marion Bass Securities, said the early recovery was mainly due to the market being oversold.

● Sydney – The market slid to its fourth consecutive loss after see-saw trading. The All-Ordinaries index dipped 2.6 to 1,236.9. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Telfos	124½p (+15p)
Gibbs & Dandy	90p (+10p)
High-Point	322½p (+10p)
Rothmans 'B'	715p (+8p)

FALLS:

Hammerson	635p (–17p)
Helical Bar	127½p (–15p)
Barlow Rand	527½p (–15p)
Wellcome	405½p (–14p)
BOC	475½p (–12p)
Carlton Comm	364p (–13p)
Royal	378p (–11p)
Micro Focus	*737½p (–10p)*
SA Breweries	580p (–18p)
Rank Org	581p (–8p)
Fired Earth Tiles	80p (–10p)
Presidio	300p (–10p)
Burmah Castrol	477p (–20p)
Costain	154p (–11p)
Harvey & Thompson	220p (–10p)
British Borneo	600p (–10p)

Closing prices

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2525.00 (+2.23)*
S&P Composite	315.75 (+0.31)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	22897.84 (–838.73)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3009.42 (–17.10)
FT-SE Eurotrack	921.76 (–3.70)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	77.9 (–0.4)
Sydney: AO	1236.9 (–2.6)
Frankfurt: DAX	1353.95 (–4.21)
Brussels:	
General	4771.84 (–51.21)
Paris: CAC	402.47 (–10.23)
Zurich: SKA Gen	440.4 (–6.2)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	1011.39 (–6.23)
FT-SE "600"	1116.84 (–5.66)
FT. Gold Mines	174.9 (+7.3)
FT. Fixed interest	90.97 (+0.04)
FT. Govt Secs	83.12 (+0.14)
Bargains	30982
SEAQ Volume	376.1m
USM (Datastream)	107.01 (–0.96)

*Denotes latest trading price

	Jan 8 midday	Jan 7 close
Abbott Lab	40¾	40¾
Aetna Life	34¼	34¼
Ahmanson	12¾	13
Air Prods	52¼	52¼
Albertsons	33¾	33½
Alcan Al	18¾	18¾
Alco Stand	32½	31¾
Allied Signal	29¾	27¾
Alumin CA	56	56
Am Brands	37¼	37¼
Am Cyanmid	48¾	48¾
Am EPC	27¾	27¾
Am General	28¾	28
Am Home	47¾	47¾
Am Intl	73	73¼
Am Medical	5¼	5¼
Am Stores	56¼	55¾
Amex	21¼	20¾
Amer Hess	48¾	48¼
Ameritech	63¾	64
Amex	20	19¾
Amoco	48¾	48¾
AMP	42¼	40¾
AMR	45¾	44¾
Anheuser-B	40	39¾
Apple Comp	43¼	43¼
Archer-Dan	21¼	20¾
Arkla	19¼	19
Armstrong	25	25¼
Asarco	29¾	29¼
Ashland Oil	27¾	27
AT&T	29¾	29¾
Atlan Richfld	122¼	121¾
Auto DP	56¾	56
Avery Intl	20	20
Avon Prod	27¾	27¾
Baltimore	27¼	27¼
Banc One	27	26¾
Bankamerica	25¼	25¼
Bard	16¾	16¾
Barrett Bl	18¾	19
Bausch Lmb	64¾	65
Baxter Intl	26	25¾
Bec Dickin	71¾	72¾
Bell Atlan	49¾	49¾
Bellsouth	52¼	52¾
Blkr Hughes	23¼	23¼
Black Deckar	8¼	8¾
Block	40¾	41¾
Boeing	43¾	42¾
Bmirs Tst NY	44¼	44¼
Boise Casc	24¾	24¾
Borden	28¾	28¾
Brist-Myer	62¾	62
Browng-Fer	22¾	22¼
Burl Nth	27¾	28¼
CAI	7¾	7¾
Campbell Sp	55	54¾
Cap Cities	429¾	436
Capital HC	36	36
Caroline	45	44¼
Caterpillar	45¾	44¼
CBS	169¾	170
Central SW	43¾	43¾
Champion	25¼	24¾
Chase Man	10½	10¾
Chem Bnkg	11	10¾
Chevron	72	71¾
Chrysler	12¾	12¾
Chubb	50¾	51¼
Cigna	36¾	37¼
Cincrp	12¾	13
Clorox	28	28¾
Clthms Llz	36	36
Coca-Cola	44¼	44¼
Colgate-Pal	69¾	69¾
Columb Gas	44¾	44¼
Compaq	54¼	54¼
Comgra	34¾	35¼
Cons Edis	23½	23¾
Cons NG	45¾	45½
Cons Rail	36¾	37¾
Cooper Ind	39¾	39¾
Corning	43¼	43¾
CPC Intl	75¾	74¼
Crown Cork	56¼	56¾
CSX	31¼	31¼
Dana	27¼	27¼
Dayton-Hud	55¾	55¾
Deere	45¾	44¾
Delta Air	56¾	57
Dialcra	24	23¾
Detroit Ed	28	27¾
Digital Eq	54¾	55¼
Dillard	84½	85¾
Disney	96¼	97¾
Dominion	46¾	46
Donnelley	29½	29½
Dover	37¾	37¾
Dow Chem	45¾	45¾
Dow Jones	24¾	24¾
Dresser Ind	19¼	19¾
Du Pont	35	35¼
Duke Pwr	30¾	30¾
Dun Bradst	40	40
East Kodak	39¾	39½
Eaton	49¼	49¾
Emerson El	37¾	37¾
Enron	49¾	49¾
Entergy	22¾	22½
Ethyl	22¾	22½
Exxon	51	50¾
Fed NMA	33¼	33¼
Fedrt Exprs	33½	33¼
Fst Nortstar	10¾	10¾
Fluor	32¾	33¾
FMC	30¾	30¾
Ford Motor	25¾	25½
FPL	23¼	23¼
Fst Chicago	16¾	16¾
Fst Interstate	22¾	22¾
Fst Union	14¼	14¾
Gannett	36¾	36¾
Gen Cinema	19¾	19¾
Gen Elec	64¾	63¾
Gen Mills	44¾	43¾
Gen Motors	31¾	31¾
Gen RE	86¼	86¼
Gen Signal	36	36¼
Genentech	n/a	n/a
Genuine Pts	39¾	39¾
Georgia-Pac	37¾	37¾
Gillette	57¾	58
Goodrich	37¾	36¾
Goodyear	17¾	17¾
Grace	24¾	24½
Greyhound	26¾	26¾
Gt Atlantic	42¼	42
Gt Western	11¾	11¾
GTE	28	28¼
Halliburn	42¾	43¾
Helmz	35¾	36¾
Hercules	32¼	32¼
Hershey Fd	36¾	36¾
Hewlett Pkd	31¾	31½
Hilton Hd	37¾	37
Home Depot	35¾	36¼
Homestake	18¾	18¾
Honeywell	42¾	43
Houston Ind	35¼	35¾
Huntd Steel	27¾	28¼
Heshld Ind	40¾	39¾
Humana	40¾	39¾
IBM	108¾	110¼
IFSF	71¾	71¾
Illnois TW	48¾	49¾
Inco	24¼	24¾
Ingerd-Rand	36¾	36¼
Inland Steel	24¼	24
Intel	38¾	38¾
Intl Paper	62¼	62¾
ITT	45¾	46¾
James River	24¾	24¼
Johnsn Johsn	67¾	68¾
K Mart	28¾	28¼
Kellogg	71¾	70¼
Kerr-McGee	43¾	43¾
Kimbly-Clrk	75¾	80
Knight-Ridor	45¾	45¾
Lilly	69¼	69¾
Limited	18¾	18¾
Lin Brdcstg	53¼	54¼
Lincln Nat	39½	39¾
Litton Ind	76¾	76¾
Lockheed	32¾	32¾
Louis-Pac	27¾	27¾
Manu Hano	20	20¼
Marriott	10¼	10
Marsh Mclen	71¾	74
Martin Mar	43¼	43¾
Masco	16	16
May Dept	38	38
Maytag	10¾	11
MCA	69¾	69¾
McDnl Doug	34¾	35¾
McDonalds	73¾	77¼
McGraw-Hill	50¾	50¾
MCI Com	19¾	19¾
Mead	25	24¾
Medtronic	78¾	80
Melville	40¾	40¾
Merck	93¼	93
Merrl Lynch	20¾	20½
MMM	81¾	82¼
Mobil	57¾	56¾
Monsanto	46¾	46
Moore	21¾	21¼
Morgan	42¾	42¼
Motorola	50¾	51¼
Nat Medical	38¼	36¾
Nat Semi	4¼	4¼
Nat Service	24¼	24¾
Navistar	2¾	2¾
NCNB	23¾	23¼
NCR	86¾	86
NED Bncp	31¾	31¾
Newmnt Min	40¾	41¾
Niagr Mhwk	13¾	13
Nike	38¾	37¾
NL Indstrs	9¾	9
Nordstrm	23	22¾
Norflk Sthn	40¾	40¾
Norwest	19¾	19¼
Nthn St Pwr	33	33
Nthn Telcm	27¾	27¾
NY Times	21¾	21¾
Nynex	69¾	69¾
Occid Petr	18¼	18¼
Ohio Ed	17¾	17¾
Oracle Sys	6¾	6¾
Oryx Energy	35¾	34¾
Pac Enl	39¼	39
Pac Gas Elec	24¼	24¾
Pac Telesis	41¾	42¾
Paccar	32¼	31½
Pacificrop	21¾	21¾
Pall	35	35¼
Paramount	42¾	41¾
Parker-Hanin	23¾	24
Penney	43¾	43½
Pennzoil	86	85¾
Pepsico	24½	24¼
Pfizer	76¼	76¼
Philips Pet	25¾	24¾
Phildps Elec	17¾	17¾
Phip Morris	43	43¾
Phips Dodge	54¼	53¾
Pitney Bowr	38¾	38
Pitsr Dome	16¾	16¼
PNC Fncl	22¾	22¼
Pnhdle Estn	11¾	11¼
Polaroid	23¾	23¾
PPG Inds	42¾	43¾
Prctr Gmble	82¾	82
Price	39¾	37¼
Primerica	23¼	22¾
Pub Service	26¼	25¾
Quaker Oats	49¾	49¾
Raiston Pur	92¾	93¾
Raychem	22¼	21¾
Raytheon	67¾	68¾
Reebok	11¾	11¾
Rdsbank	38¾	38¾
Rockwell	25¾	25¾
Rohm Haas	33	34¼
Royal Dutch	75¾	75
Rubbermaid	39¾	39
Rynlds Mtl	53	52¾
Safeco	32	32
Salomon	23¾	22¾
Sant Fe Pac	6¾	6¾
Sara Lee	30	30¼
Schlmbrgr	52¾	53¼
Schrg-Plgh	42	41¾
Scott Papr	37	37
Seagram	52¾	53¼
Sears Rbk	25¾	25¾
Secrty Pac	19¾	19¾
Shrwin-Wllms	35¾	36¼
Skyline	15¾	15
Smkp-on Tls	29¾	29¾
Southern	28¾	28¾
St Paul	58¾	59¾
Stanley Wk	27¾	28¼
Stone Cntr	10¾	10¾
Sun Co	29	28¾
Suntrst Bk	21¾	21¾
Super Valu	22¼	22¾
SW Bell	53	53¼
Synsec	54¼	54¾
Synco	30¾	30¾
Tandem	11¼	11¾
Tandy	28¾	28
Tele-comm	11¾	12¾
Telebyne	18¾	18¾
Temple-In	29¾	30
Tenneco	42¼	42
Texaco	58	57¾
Texas Inst	38¾	37¾
Texas Util	36¾	36¼
Textron	25¼	25¾
Thne Wmr	85¼	86¾
Thnes Mirr	27¾	27¾
Timken	21¾	21
Torchmark	47¾	48¾
Toys R Us	23	23¾
Transam	30¾	30½
Travelers	18¾	18¾
Tribune	34¼	34¼
TRW	36	35¾
Tyco Lab	39¼	39¾
UAL	111¾	109¾
Un Camp	34¾	35
Un Carbide	16¾	16¾
Un Pacific	68¾	68¾
Unilever	85¾	84¾
Unisys	2¾	2¾
Unocal	25¾	25¾
Upjohn	36¼	36¾
US West	36½	36½
Usair Gp	15¾	15¾
USF&G	8¼	8¼
UST	33¼	33¾
USX	28¾	28¾
Utd Tech	45¾	45¾
Utd Telcm	22	21¾
VF	18	18¼
Wal-Mart	29¼	29
Walgreen	49¾	49¾
Wastin Mgmt	33¾	34¼
Wells Fargo	53¼	54
Westg Elec	25¼	25¾
Weyerhsr	20¾	20½
Whirlpool	22¾	22¾
Whitman	18¾	18¾
Wnn-Dixie	31¾	30¾
Woolworth	28¾	27¾
Wrigley	51¼	50¾
Wrner-Lamb	62¾	62
Xerox	37¾	36¾

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lkeldsd)				
Gilt/Fixed	110.2	116.9e	-0.3	9.84
High Inc Equity	118.1	125.6e	-0.1	5.06
Wrldw Bond	182.4	203.5	+0.1	7.36
Amer Growth	149.0	159.2e	+2.1	3.21
Asian Pacific	95.8	102.5e	+0.90	0.20
Assets/Earns	143.5	153.5	..	3.53
Capt Pas	100.4	100.5	-0.1	7.10
Comm/Energy	71.19	76.13	+0.77	1.30
Euro Capt	77.11	85.11e	+0.57	1.35
General	148.0	158.2	-0.1	3.16
Japan	80.88	86.50	-0.44	0.00
UK Gth Inc	85.47	91.41	+0.09	3.12
Do Acc	159.1	170.3	+0.2	0.00
US Emerg Cos	43.02	46.01	+0.01	0.00
Income/Gth	280.5	278.6	-0.1	3.66
Missnrist Acc	76.12	80.34	+0.14	3.38
Am Inc	40.35	42.39	+0.72	6.35
Ethical	40.57	43.71	+0.10	2.29
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16, Crown Terrace, Aberdeen AB5 1QJ				
Tel: 0224 633076 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833899				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD				
Tel: 071-374 5991				
Am Inc/Gth	34.22	25.67	+0.39	3.11
Euro	84.09	98.01	-0.63	0.00
Euro Inc	98.66	72.35e	-0.13	1.70
Exempt	660.7	693.5e	..	3.40
Extra Inc	35.17	37.49e	-0.10	5.22
F/E Emerg Eq	38.79	41.54	+0.81	1.54
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
Tel: 0345 514614 dealing 01793 512089				
High Inc	304.7	324.5	-0.6	6.88
Equity Inc	164.1	174.7e	-0.1	6.35
High Yield	172.6	183.4	+0.3	6.40
Retirement	446.8	477.2e	-0.4	4.16
Am Inc	25.61	28.55	+0.21	4.48
World Ass Val	28.11	27.80	..	1.66
Japan	112.8	119.1	-0.7	0.01
Sec of An	213.4	227.2e	-0.1	0.72
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capital	78.44	84.42	+0.09	4.45
Euro Gth Inc	76.47	84.77	-0.57	1.80
Extra Inc	84.09	89.94	..	7.57
General	172.1	184.1	+0.2	4.80
Gt/Fxd Income	98.15	104.9	-0.06	10.84
Inc Trust	386.9	413.8c	+0.2	6.80
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 455, Bedlenham, Kent BR3 4XX				
Tel: 081-658 3000				
Amer Gth	45.94	48.69e	+1.31	1.20
Am Sm Cos	50.29	53.16	+0.80	1.00
Australia	44.98	48.52	+0.39	3.00
Commr'dtie	36.25	40.47e	-0.30	5.30
East	100.8	106.4	+1.5	1.20
Equity Inc	92.20	98.09	+0.03	6.50
Euro Gth	85.02	90.15	-0.2	2.40
Euro Smlr Cos	136.4	148.2e	-0.9	0.20
Exempt	69.23	81.16	..	4.20
German Gth	35.77	42.36	-1.02	0.00
Global Gth	61.77	65.71e	+0.48	0.10
High Inc	128.9	135.5	-1.1	0.00
Jap Sunrise	197.7	114.8	-1.5	0.00
Portfolio	81.50	84.95	-0.12	4.00
Pac	128.3	141.0	-0.5	4.90
UK Gth	45.59	48.62	-0.05	4.60
UK Smlr Cos	35.96	38.33	+0.39	3.40
Select Man Fd	45.53	48.86	+0.05	2.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
8-17, Ferryquarrd Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	102.1	108.7	+0.1	6.20
Smlr Cos Acc	162.5	172.5	-1.7	0.00
Do Inc	98.38	104.5	-1.05	2.84
High Inc	99.06	62.90	+0.11	8.12
Income	57.07	92.30	-0.19	5.10
Man Portf Inc	71.48	76.10	-0.12	3.42
Do Acc	127.4	136.0	-0.3	2.26
Nth Amer	52.19	55.59e	+0.62	0.00
Orient	83.91	89.36	-0.56	0.28
Recov	247.4	262.1	+0.3	0.00
Recov	31.20	33.39e	+0.43	2.89
German	32.57	34.76	+0.15	0.12
Intl Recov	22.56	24.02	+0.28	0.59
Europe	16.42	19.84	+0.06	0.57
Conv Genrl	15.76	17.34e	+0.15	9.84
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Buckhurst Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 7474/ 4945 Dealing 01-247 7474				
Emer Gth Inc	43.69	46.35c	+0.06	4.73
Do Acc	45.53	48.56c	+0.06	4.73
Fellowship Inc	43.77	52.95	+0.11	4.32
Genrl Inc 4	286.2	280.4e	-0.8	4.36
Do Acc 4	418.8	446.7	-1.2	4.36
Inc Fund 3	139.8	149.3	+0.1	4.29
Do Acc 3	286.3	303.5	..	5.19
Ins Inc 2	80.58	85.43	+0.03	2.40
Do Acc 2	111.3	118.0	..	2.40
Smlr Inc 5	79.35	84.42e	+0.55	3.39
Do Acc	90.34	96.11	+0.57	3.39
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL				
Tel: 071-488 7216				
Stt Gt Fxd Int	80.71	61.39	+0.05	2.71
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 3000				
Environ	82.91	86.10e	+0.15	3.04
UK Growth	98.53	102.7	+0.10	3.31
UK Income	94.37	100.4	..	6.55
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympia Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NS				
Tel: 081-902 8876				
SE Asia	40.80	43.84	+0.60	2.61
Growth	32.99	35.27e	+0.07	4.94
Income	40.75	43.58e	+0.15	7.24
Far East	31.32	33.50e	+0.19	1.25
Nth Amer	32.68	34.79e	+0.39	1.76
Global	43.34	46.36	-0.10	0.84
European	54.91	58.73	-0.04	1.88
Japan	31.70	37.39	+0.16	0.01
Strategic Opp	39.54	41.32	+0.80	4.06
Int Currency	44.71	47.48	..	8.14
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
65 Fountain Street, Manchester M22AF				
Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5566 Dealings:061-236 5562				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	66.91	70.57	+1.20	1.22
Do Acc	70.48	74.99	+1.26	1.22
European	53.15	55.40	-0.70	1.50
Do Acc	51.34	54.52	-0.73	1.50
F East/Gen	41.31	44.39	-0.99	0.00
Do Acc	41.91	44.98	-1.00	0.00
Gilt/Fixed	169.4	201.3	+1.5	2.98
Do Acc	203.4	216.4	+2.0	2.98
Growth	240.8	256.2	-0.2	4.31
Do Acc	267.4	412.2	-0.4	4.31
Inc 50th Inc	385.7	304.0e	-1.2	6.00
Do Acc	356.8	381.5c	-1.4	6.00

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
2	Siebe (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
3	Tie Rack	Drapery,Stores	
4	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
5	Wolverhmptn & D	Breweries	
6	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
7	Jarvis	Building,Roads	
8	Fitch-RS	Paper,Print,Adv	
9	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
10	Bridgend Gp	Industrials A-D	
11	Yorkshire Water	Water	
12	Union Square	Property	
13	North West	Water	
14	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Molynx	Electricals	
16	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
17	Greenall Wht	Breweries	
18	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
19	Arlen	Electricals	
20	Pilkington (aa)	Industrials L-R	
21	Mang Brouze	Industrials L-R	
22	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials B-K	
23	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
24	Laporte (aa)	Chemicals,Plas	
25	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
26	Racal Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
27	Sterling Ind	Industrials S-Z	
28	Nu-Swift	Industrials L-R	
29	Breedon PLC	Building,Roads	
30	Daejan	Property	
31	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
32	Third Mile	Industrials S-Z	
33	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
34	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
35	Park Foods	Foods	
36	Worcester	Industrials S-Z	
37	Mersey Docks	Transport	
38	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
39	Kingfisher (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
40	Sears (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
41	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
42	Courtney Pope	Industrials A-D	
43	TGH	Industrials S-Z	
44	Stylo	Shoes, Leather	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Five readers shared the £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. Mr Stanley Moody, of Leeds, Mrs J Rahmer, of north London, Mrs Joanna Miller, of Plymouth, Mr Christopher Moss, of Ludlow, Shropshire, and Mr Nicholas Youell, of west London, each receive £400.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High Low Stock — Price — Chge — Int yield % — Gross Red yld %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

97⅞	89⅞	Treas	9%	1991	97⅞	..	9.07	10.957
98⅜	90⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	95⅝	..	8.9	11.048
97	87⅝	Treas	8%	1991	95⅝	..	8.2	11.806
98¼	94⅞	Treas C	10%	1991	98	● ..	10.0	12.138
99⅝	89⅝	Exch	11⅞	1991	99⅛	..	11.0	11.930
99⅛	89⅞	Treas	11¾%	1991	99⅛	..	11.9	11.900
93	85⅞	Treas	9%	1992	91⅞	+⅛	9.2	9.988
95⅜	85⅝	Treas	8%	1992	96⅜	+⅛	8.5	11.366
99⅝	90⅝	Treas	10%	1992	99⅜	+⅛	10.1	11.835
99⅝	89⅝	Treas Cnv	10¼%	1992	99⅜	+⅛	10.6	11.485
101⅝	92	Exch	12¾%	1992	101⅜	+⅛	12.1	11.467
101⅜	93⅛	Treas	12¾%	1992	101	● ..	12.8	11.976
103⅝	101¼	Exch	13¾%	1992	103⅜	+⅛	13.0	11.297
92⅜	81⅜	Fund	6%	1993	89⅝	+⅛	6.9	10.209
94⅛	89¾	Treas	8¾%	1993	93⅝	+⅛	8.7	11.105
98⅛	87		10%	1993	97⅝	+⅛	10.2	11.712
103⅜	93¾	Treas	12¾%	1993	103	● +⅛	12.1	11.108
107⅜	94	Treas	13¾%	1993	105⅝	+⅛	12.1	11.105
94	84⅛	Treas	8¾%	1994	93⅝	+⅛	8.6	11.039
94⅜	82⅝	Treas	9%	1994	94¼	+⅛	9.5	10.241
98⅝	84		10%	1994	97⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.282
105	94⅜	Exch	12¾%	1994	104⅝	..	11.9	10.978
107⅝	94⅜	Exch	13¼%	1994	106⅝	..	12.4	10.978
110⅝	99⅝	Treas	14¾%	1994	109⅝	..	13.2	10.868
87	72⅜	Gas	9%	1990-95	89⅝	..	4.07	10.785
98⅝	88	Exch	10¾%	1995	97⅝	● +⅛	10.4	10.870
104⅜	94⅛	Treas	12¾%	1995	103⅝	+⅛	12.1	10.807
107⅝	94⅛	Treas	12¾%	1995	107⅜	+⅛	11.9	10.807

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

93⅝	82⅝	Treas	9%	1992-96	93⅝	..	9.6	10.006
97	83⅜	Conv	10%	1996	96⅝	+⅛	10.3	10.733
110⅝	96	Exch	13¾%	1996	109⅝	+⅛	12.1	10.979
112¾	100⅝	Treas	14%	1996	111	● +⅛	12.6	11.095
119⅛	102⅞	Treas	15¼%	1996	118⅝	+⅛	13.0	10.980
91⅛	79⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	90⅝	+⅛	9.6	10.588
98	87⅞	Exch	10¾%	1997	96⅝	..	10.6	10.947
111⅝	96⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997	110	..	12.6	10.949
120⅝	106⅞	Treas	15%	1997	118¾	+⅛	12.6	11.004
82⅝	68	Treas	6¾%	1998-98	82	+⅛	8.2	10.317
95⅝	85⅜	Exch	9¾%	1998	94⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.787
107⅜	85⅝	Exch	12%	1998	105⅝	..	11.3	10.973
126	107⅝	Treas	15¾%	1998	123⅝	+⅛	12.5	10.949
95	82	Treas	9½%	1998	94	+⅛	10.1	10.991
98	81⅜	Conv	10¾%	1998	97	..	10.5	10.787
99⅜	84⅛	Treas	10¾%	1998	98⅝	+⅛	10.5	10.743
109⅝	94⅛	Treas	12¾%	1999	107⅝	..	11.4	10.966
91⅝	78⅝	Conv	9%	2000	90⅝	..	9.6	10.973
114⅝	96⅝	Treas	13%	2000	113	● +⅛	11.5	10.955
97⅞	82⅝	Treas	10%	2001	95⅝	..	10.4	10.977
116⅜	97⅜	Treas	14%	1998-01	114⅝	..	12.2	11.020
96⅝	81⅜	Treas	9¾%	2002	94	..	10.3	10.654
98⅝	82⅝	Treas	10%	2003	96⅝	..	10.4	10.559
118⅛	100	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	116⅝	● ..	11.8	11.005
56⅜	46⅝	Fund	3½%	1999-04	54⅝	● ..	6.4	9.544
95⅝	79⅝	Conv	9¾%	2004	92⅝	..	10.2	10.951
106⅝	89⅞	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	103⅝	..	10.2	10.958
96⅝	79⅜	Treas	9¾%	2005	92⅝	..	10.2	10.963
116⅝	95⅝	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	113	..	11.0	10.809

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

84¼	66⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06	81¼	..⅛	9.8	10.448
89⅝	73⅜	Treas	9½%	2007	85⅝	● ..⅛	10.2	10.566
111	93⅝	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	107⅝	● ..⅛	10.8	10.588
83¼	77⅝	Treas	9%	2008	80⅝	..	9.9	10.188
126	105⅝	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	120⅝	..	11.2	10.588
85⅝	68⅜	Treas	8%	2009	81⅝	..	9.7	10.197
94	77⅛	Conv	9%	2011	90	● ..⅛	10.0	10.173
93¾	80⅝	Treas	8¾%	2008-12	89	..⅛	9.1	10.063
82⅝	67⅜	Treas	7¼%	2012-15	79⅝	..⅛	8.8	10.191
121⅜	96⅝	Exch	12%	2013-17	115⅝	..⅛	10.8	10.183

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25¾	20⅝	Consols	2½%	24⅛	..	6.0	
61⅝	54⅜	Conv	3½%	58⅝	● ..	..	
41	33⅜	Consols	4%	38⅝	● ..	..	
29⅝	23⅞	Treas	3%	24	..	..	
29⅝	23⅞	Treas	3%	28⅜	..	..	
35⅜	29¼	War Ln	3½%	34⅛	..	..	

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136⅛	110	Treas 2L	2%	1932	135⅞	+⅛	
118⅜	103⅜	Treas 1L	2%	1994	115⅝	+⅛	
171⅛	150⅝	Treas 1L	2%	1996	169⅝	+⅛	
140⅜	122⅝	Treas 1L	2½%	2001	138⅝		
136⅝	119⅝	Treas 1L	2½%	2003	134		
137⅝	122	Treas 1L	2%	2005	136	●	
127	113⅜	Treas 1L	2½%	2006	125⅝		
121¼	117¼	Treas 1L	2½%	2011	120⅝		
109⅝	97⅝	Treas 1L	2½%	2013	107	● –⅛	
118¼	105⅝	Treas 1L	2½%	2016	115		
112⅝	103⅛	Treas 1L	2½%	2020	111¼	●	
95¾	86	Treas 1L	2½%	2024	93¼	●	

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High Low Company — Bid — Price Offer — Chge — Gross div p — Yld % — P/E

234	173	Abbey Nationel (aa)	222	224	+4	8.4	3.8	12.1
282	138	Allied Irish	127	133	..	5.3	5.5	17.3
93	68	Antofagasta (Henry)	130	134	..	–	–	–
124	102	Arb Nat'r	134	140	+4	–	–	–
134	99	Bankcentre	136	145	..	–	–	–
295	230	Bank of Ireland	286	291	..	16.0	5.5	9.5
159	159	Bank Leumi Israel	156	161	..	20.0	5.7	5.5
350	334⅛	Bank Leumi UK	348	347	+3	27.4	7.9	13.2
159	108	Bank Of Scotland	114	115	+1	6.8	5.9	13.2
544	398	Bank Of Wales	398	405	..	34.7	8.6	12.2
1⅛	260	Barclays (aa)	343	347	..	19.0	5.1	8.3
20	18	Benchmark	19	20	● –½	10.7	5.5	8.3
195	195	Brown Shipley	15	169	..	–	–	2.3
15	15	Cariste	366	369	..	33.5	9.1	9.6
285	285	Cater Allen	91	94	..	4.9	5.2	9.1
58	58	Celtic	48	51	..	–	–	1.5
29	29	Chancery	245	255	..	10.7	4.3	12.9
298	298	Close Bros	297	–	+⅛	–	–	–
79	79	Commerzbank	197	178	..	17.3	10.0	9.5
195	195	Deutsche Bank	178	182	..	20.3	9.3	14.7
186	186	First Nat Fin	182	186	..	8.9	5.1	8.1
14	14	GPG	310	315	..	28.3	9.3	14.7
262	262	Gerrard Nat	230	240	..	15.0	7.0	7.9
79	79	Gladstone Mahon	235	250	..	13.0	7.0	7.9
195	195	Hambros	355	365	..	–	–	–
373	373	Hill Samuel	267	272	..	21.1	5.6	11.7
185	185	Joseph (Leopold)	187	192	..	13.7	10.0	10.9
185	185	King & Shaxson	211	216	..	21.3	7.9	9.8
382	382	Klienwort Benson	261	268	..	24.0	8.9	–
185	185	Lloyds (aa)	207	211	+1	14.4	6.8	10.9
14	14	Lon Scot Bk	175	180	..	18.7	10.4	–
174	174	Midland (aa)	202	206	+1	14.7	7.1	9.2
285	285	Nat Aust Bk	257	262	..	20.1	7.7	8.8
327	327	Nat West (aa)	298	302	..	19.7	6.5	8.7
26	26	Provident	30	–	..	–	–	–
26	26	Rea Bros						

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Mark-down continues

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 31. Dealings end January 11. §Contango day January 14. Settlement day January 21. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.
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BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
284	116	Bd Bs Brwt (aa)	168	168	–2	11.2	7.2	7.3
892	618	Bass (aa)	1000	1005	–5	52.5	5.2	9.4
915	332	Blend Chart (aa)	1000	1005	–5	48.7	20.1	
147	114	Boddington	138	140	–1	6.1	4.4	16.5
821	468	Union Dbn	1000	1005	–5	54.0	7.2	9.5
425	284	Warburg Bll	1000	1005	–5	20.0	5.1	12.7
178	88	Do 'A'	111	114	–4	8.0	7.1	–
1664	276	Wells Fargo	1000	1005	–5	–	–	–
270	180	Whitbrd	1000	1005	●+1	–	–	–
49	28	Wolverhmptn & D	1000	1005	–5	11.0	3.9	6.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
130	50	Abbey	1000	1005	–5	13.0	6.5	5.9
504	160	Amec	1000	1005	–5	9.0	1.8	17.5
1565	17	Anglo Suc	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Arndale	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
144	200	Ashtead	1000	1005	–5	4.0	1.8	17.7
71	29	BPB Ind (aa)	1000	1005	–5	25.0	7.6	8.4
186	94	Beeding Brick	1000	1005	–5	12.0	5.8	10.1
215	94	Bett (Hldg) Constr	1000	1005	–5	25.0	7.6	8.4
178	94	Berdon Group	1000	1005	–5	25.0	7.6	8.4
217	144	Bernell Dnrs	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
215	178	Bovis PLC (aa)	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
217	144	Bdbury	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
41	9	Bridport	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
238	142	Berkeley Gp	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	78	Brit Bldg	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	177	Brn Cmcls (aa)	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	483	Brnt (Henry)	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	78	Brendon PLC	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	191	Br Dredging	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
119	72	Bryan	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
115	71	CALA	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	166	CRH	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	97	Calverton Abbey	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	166	Caley	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Carter Gp	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cawdor PLC	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge Hdgs	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge Mtrls	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge Sand	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge Stone	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge Tst	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge Wtr	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Co	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Cnty	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Dstrct	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Gnrl	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Lndn	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Mdlnd	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Nthrn	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Prvnc	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Scttsh	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Sthrn	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Wstrn	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Yrkshr	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Zttnd	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0
1565	116	Cmbrdge & Zttnd	1000	1005	–5	14.7	7.7	10.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	108	Allied Colloids	1000	1005	–5	4.3	3.4	12.2
401	245	Amersham	1000	1005	–5	13.7	5.1	16.5
91	239	Anglo Ind	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
91	57	BTP	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
1189	694	Bpetr ONSS	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
194	132	Blagden	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Brent Chmcl	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
549	314	Cabot Cp	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Clarke (W)	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Crda	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Elks & Everard	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Ferguson Colour	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Frnds	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
314	165	Fosseco	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Fthrstnd (James)	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Gallaher	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Gnrl Chmcl	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Gnrl Nucleonics	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Grsby Jones	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Hunt & Moscrop	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Hydrocarbon	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Imp Chmcl Ind	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Jhnsn Mthey	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Kalon Gp	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Kemp Hall	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Kenrick	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Lawes Chmcl	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Lporte	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Mnsfld Hydro	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Pilkington	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Rmsdn Spekman	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Tskuno	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Wardle Storage Plc	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Wdcocksdl Rkt	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
197	121	Yorkshire Chem	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2
138	78	Yule Catto	1000	1005	–5	10.7	5.5	12.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
514	392	Alscot	454	459	●	18.3	4.2	11.0
854	429	Alscot Dev	1000	1005	–5	18.3	2.7	15.5
270	181	Argos Plc	1000	1005	–5	5.3	2.2	17.0
93	44	Ashley (Laura)	1000	1005	–5	–	–	–
1565	124	Asprey	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Austin Reed	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Baird (Jessica) 'A'	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Bairds	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Bairds Lds	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
73	55	Barrow	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Barrow & Jackson	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Bates (R)	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Bates Plc	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Bhumb	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Bhumb Wyatts (aa)	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Cnnte Fernsbnre	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Dnns Simpson 'A'	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Dnnsbnre (JJ)	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Dr Tollemsh (aa)	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Dulgn (AF) 'A'	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Edin Wlnss (aa)	1000	1005	–5	40.0	11.5	11.4
1565	78	Edmnds

The first casualty?

Graham Paterson examines the dilemmas presented by Whitehall guidelines on reporting a Gulf conflict

William Howard Russell, the great war correspondent of *The Times*, asked his editor, John Delane, whether he should continue to report the mismanagement of the Crimean war. "Am I to tell these things, or hold my tongue?" he wrote, as he described the folly and inefficiency of the British generals. Delane told him to go ahead, circulating among cabinet ministers those reports that he did not publish for fear of *The Times* appearing unpatriotic.

Editors and their correspondents now face the same dilemmas in the Gulf that Russell and Delane first encountered. How can they report a war that will, inevitably, have its fair share of disasters and displays of military incompetence, while at the same time remaining patriotic? How can the flavour of battle be conveyed without endangering the Allied forces? When does a fair report become a valuable weapon to the enemy?

The guidelines released by the defence ministry this week attempt to provide ground rules. Many lessons have been learnt from the Falklands conflict, where it was generally felt that the MoD was heavy-handed and inconsistent in its censorship. The emphasis is now on the responsibility of editors and correspondents not to reveal information which would be of value to the enemy. The ministry lays down a number of prohibitions – such as describing planned operations, the rules of engagement, the techniques of special forces or intelligence gathering – with which no editor would quibble. Indeed, the tone of the documents emphasises co-operation and consultation rather than prohibition.

This openness bodes well, say foreign editors, although the proof will be very much in how the arrangements work out in practice. The experience of the Falklands is that correspondents doing their job properly will, inevitably, clash with officers worried about the safety or morale of their men. But relations are already beginning to sour over negotiations for visas for Saudi Arabia. Newspapers feel the MoD is not pressing hard enough on their behalf and after an acrimonious meeting yesterday the publishers are planning to appeal to John Major, the prime minister, to ensure adequate representation. The demand by the television companies for three-man crews has angered newspapers because they fear they may be squeezed out. The television companies, aware that, even more than in Vietnam, this could be a war in which public support will be won or lost according to the nature of their pictures, are also anxious. Rules for photography restrict all "identifiable pictures of casualties unless the casualties have been named in an official casualty list" – an almost impossible task.

The MoD's emphasis on the responsibility of editors and correspondents is inevitable, given the likely nature of a Gulf conflict. During the Falklands conflict, lack of access to satellite transmission meant it often took weeks for television pictures to appear on British screens, but coverage from the Gulf will be instantaneous. Saddam Hussein, an avid viewer of the Atlanta-based Cable News Network, may find himself able to watch his enemies' side of the battle. Satellite telephones, lightweight picture wiring equipment and the portable computer will ensure that many more words and pictures will flow into the newsrooms of the world's press than in any previous conflict. The volume of information would simply overwhelm the censorship systems applied in previous wars.

As a result, the temptation for the military planners will be to shepherd the press away from the sharp end of battle. There are already worrying signs that the British and American military are putting their faith in news management, rather than in blanket censorship. A huge public relations machine is being geared up in Riyadh. After months of waiting for action, the war correspondents may well find themselves grateful for any information, however spoon-fed, if fighting begins.

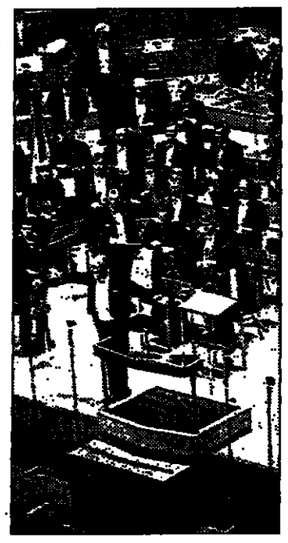
A concern among senior officers who have been liaising with the British press is that, in the opening days of a war, it may well be Saddam who gains the true propaganda victory. A skeleton staff of western correspondents is planning to stay on in Baghdad. If an Allied air assault on Iraq is launched, it is they who will be taken to bombed schools or orphanages as Saddam attempts to turn world opinion against the war. Their reports and pictures, which lie entirely outside the scope of the MoD rules, will be on front pages and television screens at a moment when little or no information will be coming from the Allied side. In handling the media the MoD may still have a lot to learn from Saddam.

NATIONAL ARCHIVE OF AMERICA



Fingering the culprit: a wartime poster highlights the problems of war reporting





Advertising themes: David Abbott and the London Philharmonic

Orchestrated campaign for the Phil

Saatchi's lost account was valued at only £60,000, but it is worth a small fortune

SEVERAL leading advertising agencies have been competing frantically for a tiny account that will make them no money and cost continuous creative input at boardroom level.

The London Philharmonic, which four years ago became the first symphony orchestra to link with a large agency, has parted company with Saatchi & Saatchi because, according to its marketing director, Judy Grahame, "the agency has so many other matters on its mind that it could not give us full attention".

Saatchi was hired to raise the orchestra's public profile shortly after it failed in an attempt to take over the rival Philharmonia. Saatchi came up with an imaginative poster campaign on London Underground platforms describing how members of the orchestra prepared for their solos, the percussionist buying knitting needles for Bartok, the first violinist borrowing a gypsy fiddle for Mahler's Fourth, and so on.

The theme aroused some ribaldry in the musical profession when a horn player was featured explaining why he abstained from kissing his wife for two days before a big concert.

Saatchi, nevertheless, could claim a share in the orchestra's rising fortunes, which won it a coveted residency at the South Bank Centre. The account was miniscule – an advertising spend of £60,000 a year, on which the agency earned 15 per cent commission – but its prestige value was such that it was handled personally by Saatchi's joint managing director, David Kershaw. The two sides parted when Saatchi declined to pitch again for the account against a number of contenders.

As soon as word got round that the account was slipping, Grahame was "flooded with offers" from agencies large and small. Shortlisted applicants were asked to devise a fresh approach to potential sponsors and the account was narrowly won on creative grounds by Abbott, Mead, Vickers, ahead of the more flamboyant Yellowhammer. The brief will be looked after once again by a senior figure, AMV's chairman, David Abbott.

The attraction of this tiny account does not lie on its profitability, but earnings which can be made from the arts are not always immediately visible. Music, in particular, brings an agency into crush-bar contact with big sponsors – the Prudential and Pioneer are among the London Philharmonic supporters – and gains it prime space in exclusive media read by captive audiences of chairmen and chief executives. The London Philharmonic, for example, has a full page in the Glyndebourne programme.

No agency could make a living from an arts portfolio, but by winning one or two high-profile accounts an advertising agency can acquire the prestige of mixing with the arts – at considerably less than the price of sponsorship.

NORMAN LEBRECHT

MEDIA WATCH

Appeal for cash at falling *Star*

THE *Morning Star*, in grave danger of withering away as the daily voice of the hardline British Communist party, has stepped up its appeal for funding after the Soviet Union suspended its subscription order. The newspaper, which has lost about £400,000 of its £1 million annual turnover as a result of the Soviet move, has asked its readers and party members to find £40,000 towards new technology in order to cut its costs. It has also launched an appeal to get its readers to give up smoking and donate what they save to the paper. The drive for new funds comes as the *Star*, whose circulation is its lowest ever at 8,500, announced it is to shed staff through voluntary redundancy and raise its cover price for the first time in seven years, by 10p to 40p.

Boom year for cinema

BRITISH cinemas are celebrating a record year for advertising revenue and box office receipts, with the Christmas releases of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Neverending Story Part 2* and *Home Alone* likely to have pushed the 1990 audience figures well beyond the projected 91 million, Rank Screen Advertising (RSA) reports. As industrial and retail companies face the country's deepest recession since the Seventies, the cinema industry is booming with films such as *Ghost* (grossing more than £17 million) and *Pretty Woman* (£12 million), resulting in the highest admissions for ten years. "Going to the cinema these days is a much more enjoyable experience than it used to be," Peter Howard-Williams, managing director of RSA, said. Since 1985, 415 multiplex screens have opened, representing an investment of more than £300 million.

Here *Today*, gone...

MEDIA coverage, in particular the feature-length stories on single television advertisements, has always been something of an obsession at *Today*. But with media correspondent Siân James one of the 45 journalists facing redundancy since Monday's staff cuts, the days of advertisement as cult may be numbered. At least three other specialist reporters and four general news reporters, as well as three news desk executives, have lost their jobs. At least 10 feature writers and sub-editors have also been made redundant.

TV windfall for Gaels

AN EXTRA £1.5 million has been made available by the government to finance Gaelic television programmes. Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, has announced. The newly-created Gaelic Broadcasting Committee, which aims to transmit 200 hours of Gaelic television a year by 1993, has had its 1992-93 budget increased from £8 million to £9.5 million. At present, about 100 hours of Gaelic output are transmitted each year in Scotland by BBC Scotland, Scottish Television and Grampian Television.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BBC BBC BBC

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News Producer & Reporter
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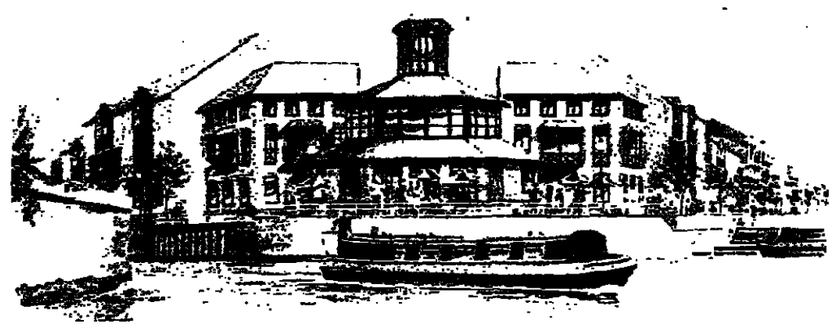
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Time for bargains

The house-building industry is offering many incentives, but they are unlikely to last beyond the slump

BY CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

Launching a campaign to encourage people to buy new homes and urging the government and local authorities to provide more land for building, Britain's house-builders have started the year with a flourish.

Last year was a bad one for builders, some of whom failed to survive the slump. National House-Building Council figures show that the number of private housing starts for 1990 in Great Britain was 128,800, down by 21 per cent compared with 1989. Completions for 1990 were also down, totalling 154,500, 17 per cent below the 1989 figure of 186,000. The consolation is that houses are now becoming "affordable" again as falls in house prices and increased earnings have brought the house price/earnings ratio back to a healthy level.

Led by the House Builders' Federation (HBF) and supported by building societies and building material producers, the campaign, More Land For Homes, is the latest attempt by the industry to persuade the government of the need to make more land available to provide the two million extra homes it says are needed by 2001. Terry Upsall, the president of the HBF, says it is asking the prime minister, MPs and all local authority planning and housing chairmen to put the housing shortage at the top of their agenda.

Although Serplan (the southeast regional planning body) and many local authorities reject the need for more land for housing, the HBF has taken some comfort from the words of the prime minister in an interview last October when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer. John Major said the housing boom had been "very damaging", and he called for an increase of "suitable" building land as one way in which a re-run could be avoided.

This, he said, was not a matter for the Chancellor, little knowing he had only a month remaining in that post, but something the government should consider during the next parliament. Now that he is in a better position to influence policy on the issue, the house-builders will not lose the chance to remind him of his intention.

More immediately, the New Homes Marketing Board, an arm of the house-building industry, launches a "new homes fortnight" next Monday to try to tap what it considers a strong potential demand. As ever, the variety of design forms an important part of the appeal, but there is also more emphasis on energy efficiency, running costs and security.

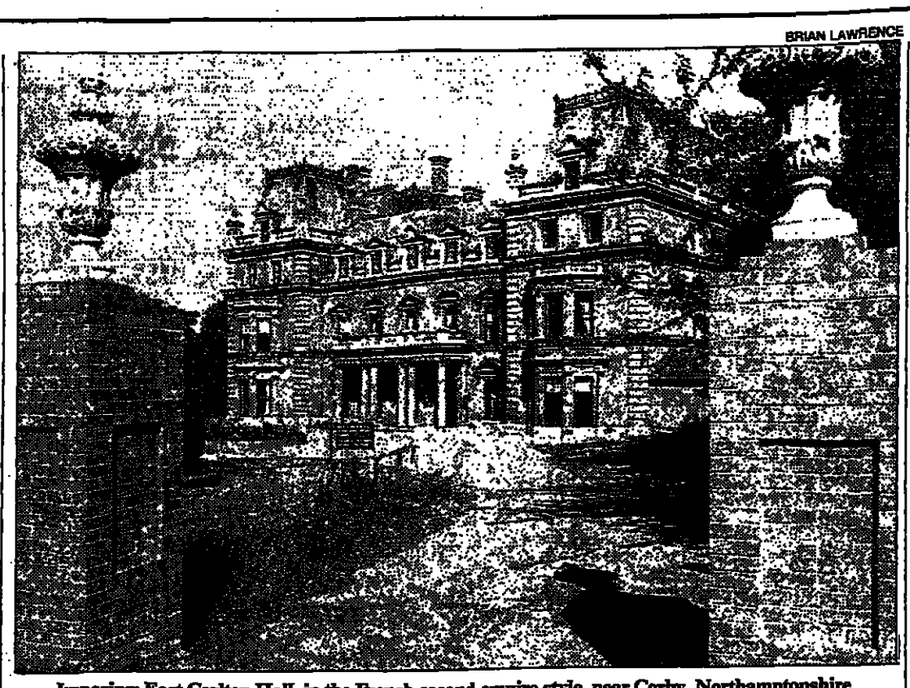
The other crucial ingredient in the new-homes market is making them affordable at a time of high interest rates. In the past two years house-builders have resorted to a wide range of incentives, from price discounts and mortgage subsidy to shared-equity schemes. They will not offer these inducements if they do not have to, and if the market and interest rates improve, as expected, such incentives may not continue to be available.

A genuinely discounted price and mortgage subsidy are the most valuable inducements and have met with the greatest success, while shared-equity schemes, despite a promising start, have proved less successful.

A scheme by which the buyer pays half now and the remainder within five years can be initially attractive, but it leaves a heavy burden for the future, which few are prepared to undertake.

The house-builder Barratt has introduced a "blue riband" deal that includes almost everything. Underpinning the deal is a 10 per cent mortgage rate until January 1993. Most of the "blue riband" houses include fitted carpets, cooker, washer, fridge, curtains, landscaped gardens and part exchange. The offer is being made on its more expensive houses and will end on February 25.

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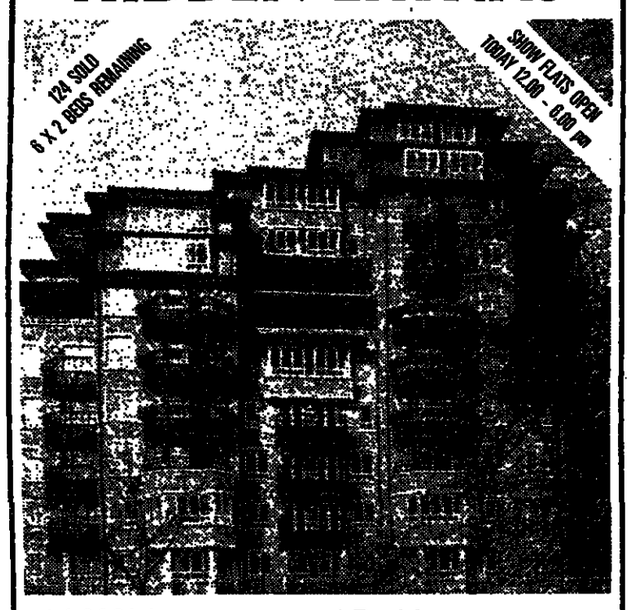
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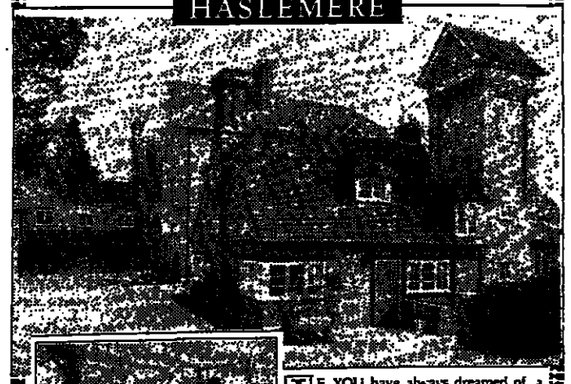
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London fights to keep status as cash capital

Paris and Frankfurt are chasing the City to win the battle to become the financial centre of Europe. Christopher Warman reports

London's position as the financial capital of Europe is facing a "serious challenge" from other centres such as Paris and Frankfurt with the approach of the single European market, the agents Knight Frank & Rutley suggests in its "European Property Report".

The report also concludes that most European office markets are still active and showing good growth prospects. Knight Frank & Rutley says that the UK economic cycle is out of step with those of other main European economies, which are just beginning to slow.

Even within the UK, the recession has so far largely by-passed the regions. Continuing demand and more prudent development have prevented the central London trauma of a large supply of new development space being offered in a contracting market.

In many regional centres occupiers are enjoying low rents but investors are suffering. This could provide new investment opportunities for those who have the cash to buy, but some investors hoping to benefit from low prices are holding back for fear that the regional markets may belatedly be drawn into the recession.

"In central London the markets have already discounted most of the bad news, and with a cyclical economic recovery likely to show first in the southeast investors are now standing by to spot the turning point," the report says.

Observing that the advent of the single European market is introducing a new dimension to international markets, the report records extensive speculation as to which centres are most likely to benefit and questions whether the European financial centre might shift from London to Paris or Frankfurt.

London's case has always been strong on technical grounds, such as its breadth and depth of expertise and the experience it has already built up. The decision to locate the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London and the UK's entry into the ERM has reinforced London's claims.

"However," the report adds, "as the debate has moved into the consideration of other location factors, such as the quality of the infrastructure (transport, training, availability and quality of staff), London's position seems, at least, subject to serious challenge."

Paris and Frankfurt occupy more central positions in the single market than London. Paris and, in particular, Frankfurt are both cheaper and smaller centres and less subject to the problems of congestion which plague London. The report says: "Although London is still favourite to retain its position as Europe's prime financial centre, it may have to concede some ground."

At least, says the report, there is no doubt about Europe's political capital, Brussels, where office demand will continue to be supported by the growing concentration of political authority in the centre of the European Community.

If London needed a boost to its morale, it can take comfort from two parallel surveys recently conducted in Europe and the United States which both voted London as the favourite European business city.

A further survey by Weatherall Green & Smith of companies in the City of London confirms this standing, ranking London first among European cities in importance in international finance both now and in ten years' time, followed in each case by Frankfurt and Paris.

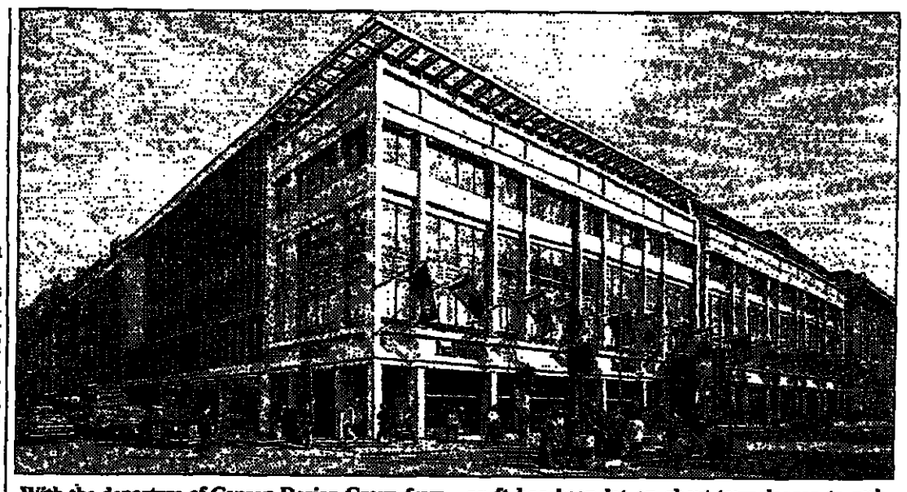
The European and US studies were commissioned by the property consultants Healey & Baker and Cushman & Wakefield and conducted by Harris Research.

In the European survey, senior management in 506 companies among the 15,000 largest in nine countries put London first in overall popularity and, significantly, also the most likely financial centre of Europe in five years' time, ahead of Frankfurt.

The US survey of 400 companies again showed London at the top, gaining highest marks for its offices. John Coppedge, the director of European operations for Cushman & Wakefield, suggested that the Americans' preference for London as a business centre was because of its traditional role as an important financial centre and the fact that English was the business language.

Paul Orchard-Lisle, senior partner of Healey & Baker, explained that European senior management chose London because of its easy access to markets, first class telecommunications and low cost of quality labour.

Berlin is in overall 15th place now, but in the top three as a future centre for manufacturing, politics and finance, and second only to Brussels as the choice for a future political capital for Europe.



With the departure of Conran Design Group from the Heal's building in Tottenham Court Road, central London, Storehouse has asked D.E. & J. Levy to let about 35,000 sq ft of surplus space, split into units of 2,000 sq ft upwards. Already, about 17,000 sq ft has been let on short-term leases to publishing, pharmaceutical and publicity companies, starting from £25 a sq ft, inclusive of services. The building was designed by Sir Cecil Brewer in 1913, but has additions dating from 1937 and 1962.

IN THE MARKET

☐ Pearl Assurance has won its appeals for planning permission and listed building consent for the redevelopment of its imposing 1912 high baroque-style building in High Holborn, London WC2. The redevelopment, the result of Pearl's move to Peterborough, will take place behind the façade, which is to be retained, together with the central courtyard, marble stairway and other features of architectural interest.

The original scheme by architects T.P. Bennett was opposed by several bodies, including the Sir John Soane's Museum, Royal Fine Art Commission and the Lincoln's Inn Fields Association, but some of the objections were removed by modifications to the rear of the building. On the main point at issue, the proposed glazing over of the courtyard, the enquiry inspector concluded that it might add to the courtyard's attraction.

☐ The quantity surveyors Cyril Sweett & Partners appears to have concluded a good deal by taking a lease on 56-62 Gray's Inn Road, central London, an office building of about 40,000 sq ft recently vacated by the Property Services Agency. Current rents for new, air-conditioned offices in the area are about £40 a sq ft, but under a new 21-year lease from the landlord, a private investor, the company will pay a rent of £560,000 a year for five years, rising to £600,000 a year.

The other part of the deal for Cyril Sweett & Partners, advised by Sinclair Goldsmith's Holborn office, is, however, that the tenant will fully refurbish the building. A rent-free period of 12 months will accompany the works, which will bring the eight-story building to a modern specification.

☐ Times are hard. Link Group, a Wirral-based firm of recruitment and training consultants, is offering agents two BMW cars as incentives to let its West End offices. The offices are at Hanover Street (2,600 sq ft at £45 a sq ft) and at Warwick Street (2,045 sq ft at £30 a sq ft). An added incentive for a rapid deal is six months' rent free for a tenant.

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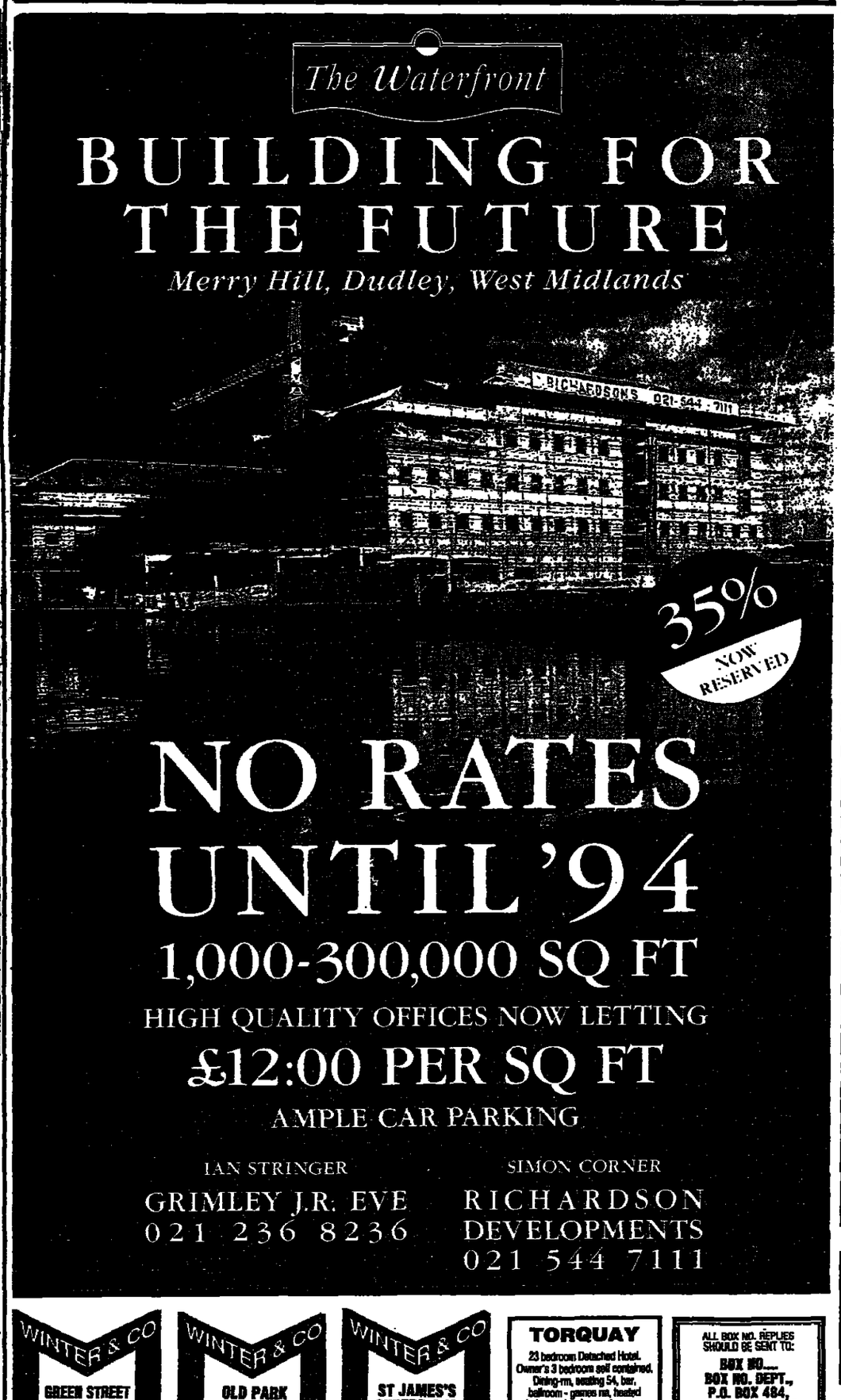
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Hungary, Australia and Surinam share the success at the world swimming championships

Lewis leaves her field floundering

From CRAIG LORD
IN PERTH

TAMAS Darnyi last night became the second Hungarian to break a world record at the sixth world championships here, but Hayley Lewis stole his thunder as the home crowd spurred her on to win Australia's first gold medal from the obscurity of an outside lane.

Such was the excitement at Lewis's victory in the 200 metres freestyle, and the phenomenal 4min 12.36sec clocked by Darnyi in the 400 metres individual medley, that Surinam's first medal in the 17-year history of the championships – a gold – was almost forgotten.

Anthony Nesty became the first Surinamese to win an Olympic medal when he took the 100 metres butterfly title in Seoul. On that occasion, he beat Matt Biondi, of the United States, by 0.01sec.

Last night, the margin over Michael Gross, the German nicknamed the "Albatross" because of his armspan of more than two metres, was 0.02sec. Nesty's time of 53.29sec was 0.29sec slower than that in Seoul, and Biondi was sixth in 53.97sec.

Lewis, aged 16, proved herself worth much more than the five gold medals she won at the Commonwealth Games a year ago by defeating Janet Evans, the American world record-holder at 400 and 800 metres freestyle.

Lewis, who had to be talked out of withdrawing from the 200 metres final by her coaches, used lane eight, on the stand side of the pool, to her advantage and made the pace from start to finish. She responded mercilessly to Evans's challenge down the last 50 metres and touched 0.19sec ahead in 2min 00.48sec.

As Lewis paraded around the pool after receiving her medal, a lone figure descended from the public seating to congratulate her. Not unusual but for the fact that it was Shane Gould, now Innes, the Australian winner of three gold medals at the Munich Olympic Games.

Gould, her husband and four children live as virtual recluses on a farm 300km south of Perth. She was one of the most impressive swimmers of all time but now chooses obscurity. Sadly, her wish has come true – when Gould was pointed out to Kristin Otto, the former East German who won six gold medals in Seoul and is now a journalist, Otto said: "No, no. I don't know who she is."

When the Perth dust settles, history will be kinder to Darnyi, whose victory, and retention of his world title, was foreseen but whose world record left the crowd gasping.

Going into the second length in the 400 metres, it was clear that Darnyi, despite the best efforts of Eric Namesnik, of the United States, would have to race alone. Only after the breaststroke leg at the 300 metres mark was it clear that Darnyi's own record of 4min 14.75sec was in danger.

A tremendous 100 metres freestyle brought the Hungarian home in 4min 12.36sec – the standard of which was highlighted by Namesnik, who became the second fastest man at the event with 4min 15.21sec.

Darnyi is coached by Tamas Szechy, the Hungarian national coach who has spoken little of his training methods during his 20 years in the job.

Szechy puts the success of his swimmers, who include Norbert Rozsa, aged 19, who beat Adrian Moorhouse and broke the world record for 100 metres breaststroke on Monday, down to hard work.

"They train up to 20 kilometres a day, six days a week," he said. "The hard work, then the success."



Gasping for breath: Nesty powers onwards in the 100 metres butterfly event. He went on to win Surinam's first medal in the championships

Three cheers for the sporting age of Bradman

By HENRY KELLY

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN REVIEW

THE BBC screened a 50-minute tribute to Sir Donald Bradman last weekend just when English cricket was at its lowest Test ebb. It was great stuff. Full marks to Jack Egan, who nearly managed to make the great man chatty.

While Bradman was letting his record speak for itself, the England touring team was doing a head count of which among them had not yet been disciplined for bad behaviour on the field.

One telling point from the Bradman film: when he entered the playing area at the Oval for his last Test in England, Norman Yardley gathered the players around and called for, and got, three cheers. When the game was over and the Australians had won, Yardley did the same in front of the Oval crowd and got the same rousing response.

Can anyone imagine any Test captain anywhere in the world today asking for, never mind getting, such a response for an opponent? Thus has the great game changed. Nothing shows the changes more than to counterpoint Sir Donald with the present set of players.

Having said which, I should point out that England restored, through Gower and Atherton, a good deal of pride and not a little honour with a spirited display in Sydney. Perhaps they had videos of the Bradman show under their pillows.

We are getting close to one of my poor jokes becoming a reality. I have always believed that eventually some television station, probably an American cable, would get round to a sponsorship deal for indoor hang gliding.

Brother, you better believe we are halfway there. Over the weekend we had, wait for it, indoor rock-climbing. Somewhere in England, there is this big hall and guys who know these things have constructed a set of building bricks with bits sticking out here and there.

Enter men and women with all the climbing gear and off they go. I did not know whether to laugh or cry. It had all the excitement of watching a parking meter run out of money. When I remember that in the 1960s the BBC spent a whole weekend covering an attempt on the Old Man of Hoy, and the excitement *that* created, I decided just to sigh and switch channels.

The BBC's *Match of the Day* returned on Saturday with good solid reports on the day's FA Cup matches. It was not the programme's fault that there was not much excitement but, in fairness, what there was it had: such as Buzaglo's three goals for Woking and a follow-up interview with the man himself whom my mother would have, correctly, described as a "lovely boy".

By Sunday afternoon, we had the Beeb live watching Crystal Palace and Nottingham Forest, with Jimmy Hill trying to retire Brian Clough and Terry Venables trying not to look like a manager whose season has suddenly become humdrum and who wears the air of someone thinking of something else. As usual, Desmond Lynam was in charge. He clearly sleeps at Television Centre.

ITV had the snooker and tried to enliven the proceedings with a quick-fire profile of Eddie Charlton, the ageless Australian. It showed pretty pictures of Eddie running in a tracksuit and telling us that he likes to run three or four miles a day. Does he always run in a track suit and black walking shoes?

Letting the general coverage of televised sport over the weekend wash over me, I realised that in most sports television refuses to allow participants to hide. There is nowhere to escape the all-seeing camera even when you are apparently not directly involved in play. Cricket demonstrated this beautifully when the indiscretions of Hemmings and Tufnell were shown for the childishness they were.

Twins claim a double gold

From CRAIG LORD

COMING into the world together, the ultimate form of synchronisation, led to success in Perth for the identical Josephson twins almost 27 years to the day after their birth.

Presented with four identical legs and arms and two smiling faces, the judges were hard pressed to tell the sisters and their movements apart in the synchronised swimming duet final. The united front was decisive and the twins won the gold medal with 199.762 points after scoring six tens (maximum) for artistic impression.

Karen and Sarah, who turn 27 tomorrow, started training for the event when they were six. "The coach at our home pool thought it would be a great idea, so we went for it," Karen said.

Not only looks count in synchro these days, however, since the rules were changed to avoid competitors having to smile maniacally thoughout their routines. The Josephsons train six hours a day, six days a week, including weight-training.

Despite the long hours they are together, including those spent at their shared house at Walnut Creek, California, Sarah, who can swim 75 metres underwater, something most competitive swimmers could not manage, says the sisters never grow tired of each other.

"We think the same thoughts, we like the same things, like music and reading, and we do the choreography for our routines together," she said.

Both admitted they had a hard time defending their aquatic activities to a critical sports public. "We say to those people who claim this is not sport, come and try it and see just how hard it is," Sarah said.

● Robert Morgan, the European cup winner, failed to make the final at the three-metre springboard. After finishing sixteenth, Morgan said the ankle injury he sustained several weeks ago had troubled him. Morgan's colleague, Jeff Arbon, from Highgate, London, was 27th.

A poor finish deprived Karen Pickering, of Ipswich, a place in the final of the 200 metres freestyle to the disappointment of a British team badly in need of a lift after the narrow defeat of Adrian Moorhouse on Monday.

Pickering could only manage 2min 03.70sec for third place in the B final. Zara Long, of Beckenham, came 22nd in 2min 06.05sec, while Rik Leishman, of Kelly College, was 24th in the 100 metres butterfly in 56.16sec.

RESULTS FROM PERTH

Men

Swimming

100 metres butterfly

FINAL: 1, A Nesty (Surinam), 53.29sec; 2, M Gross (Ger), 53.31; 3, V Kulikov (USSR), 53.74; 4, M Henderson (US), 53.88; 5, M Gery (Can), 53.93; 6, M Biondi (US), 53.97; 7, R Bruce (Aus), 54.45; 8, B Gutzait (Fr), 55.49. Non-qualifier: R Leishman (GB), 56.16.

400 metres individual medley

FINAL: 1, T Darnyi (Hun), 4min 12.36sec (world record); 2, E Namesnik (US), 4:15.21; 3, S Battistelli (It), 4:16.50; 4, J Szabo (Hun), 4:17.52; 5, L Sacchi (It), 4:19.88; equal 6, D Wharton (US) and C Gessner (Ger), 4:20.19; 8, S Marinluk (USSR), 4:20.52. Non-qualifier: P McGillion (Ire), 4:36.19.

4 x 200 metres freestyle relay

FINAL: 1, Germany (P Sitt, S Zesner, S Pfeiffer, M Gross), 7min 13.50sec; 2, United States (T Dalbey, M Stewart, D Jorgensen, D Gjertsen), 7:14.87; 3, Italy (E Idini, R Gleria, S Battistelli, G Lamberti), 7:17.18; 4, Sweden, 7:18.10; 5, Soviet Union, 7:20.84; 6, Australia, 7:21.86; 7, Canada, 7:22.74; 8, Poland, 7:27.18.

Diving

Three-metre springboard

QUALIFIERS FOR FINAL: 1, T Liangs (China), 637.08pts; 2, A Killat (Ger), 608.37; 3, V Statsenko, (USSR), 599.82; 4, S Lomanovskiy (USSR), 594.06; 5, F Pistas (Mex), 589.77; 6, LI Dalliang (China), 588.69; 7, K Ferguson (US), 585.93; 8, J Mondragon (Mex), 581.19; 9, M Bradshaw (US), 573.93; 10, S McCormack (Aus), 558.54; 11, E Jongelans (Neth), 558.39; 12, M Rourke (Can), 547.86. Non-qualifiers: R Morgan (GB), 513.69; J Arbon (GB), 453.96.

Women

Water polo

FIRST ROUND: Group A: Canada 10, Germany 5; Netherlands 11, New Zealand 10.

MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	Tt
China	3	–	2	5
United States	2	6	2	10
Germany	2	2	1	5
Hungary	2	–	–	2
Australia	1	2	–	3
Soviet Union	1	1	1	3
Netherlands	1	1	–	2
Italy	1	–	3	4
Canada	1	–	1	2
Surinam	1	–	–	1
Japan	–	1	1	2
France	–	1	–	1
Great Britain	–	1	–	1
Denmark	–	–	2	2
Czechoslovakia	–	–	1	1
Poland	–	–	1	1

Swimming

200 metres freestyle

FINAL: 1, H Lewis (Aus), 2min 00.48sec; 2, J Evans (US), 2:00.67; 3, M Jacobsen (Den), 2:00.93; 4, N Halslett (US), 2:01.13; 5, K Brienesse (Neth), 2:01.15; 6, Yong Zhuang (China), 2:01.32; 7, S Ortwig (Ger), 2:02.03; 8, L Dobrescu (Rom), 2:02.06. Non-qualifiers: M Madine (Ire), 2:09.30; K Pickering (GB), 2:02.98; Z Long (GB), 2:06.05.

200 metres breaststroke

FINAL: 1, Y Volkova (USSR), 2min 29.53sec; 2, L Frame (Aus), 2:30.02; 3, J Doerries (Ger), 2:30.14; 4, G Cloutier (Can), 2:31.14; 5, A Hasmal (Ger), 2:31.36; 6, M Della Valle (It), 2:31.40; 7, K Kasuya (Japan), 2:31.52; 8, S Kuzmina (USSR), 2:32.72.

Synchronised swimming

Duet

FINAL: 1, S and K Josephson (US), 199.762pts; 2, M Kotani and A Takayama (Japan), 194.307; 3, K Glen and L Alexander (Can), 192.649; 4, G Maximova and O Sedakova (USSR), 192.289; 5, A Capron and K Schuler (Fr), 188.367; 6, Wang Xiaojie and Guan Zewen (China), 179.100; 7, P Calli and G Burlando (It), 178.740; 8, L Olivera and S Cardenas (Mex), 178.718.

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Entitlement to recover money

Agip (Africa) Ltd v Jackson and Others

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Beldam

[Judgment December 21]

Where a bank paid the amount of a customer's forged order, the customer was entitled to recover the money from persons into whose possession and control the money had been transferred.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by the defendants, who were partners and an employee of Jackson & Co, of Douglas, Isle of Man, from a judgment of Mr Justice Millett in favour of the plaintiff, Agip (Africa) Ltd.

Mr Peter Leaver, QC and Mr Peter Irvin for the defendants; Mr Michael Tugendhat, QC and Mr Michael Gettleson for Agip

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that Agip was incorporated in Jersey and its business was mainly concerned with oil exploration in Africa. The Tunis branch of Agip held a US dollar account at the Banque du Sud (BdS) in Tunis from where payments were made to overseas suppliers.

Over a period of years Agip was systematically defrauded of millions of US dollars by its chief accountant, Mr Zdiri. It was his duty to place the completed payment orders and the invoices to which they related before the authorised signatory and get his signature to them.

From time to time Zdiri fraudulently altered the name of the payee of the orders and so diverted the payment to a recipient of his own choosing. The payees in the orders as altered were all companies registered in England and managed by the defendants from the Isle of Man. Each had a US dollar account at the High Holborn branch of Lloyds Bank into which the money was paid. One such company was Baker Oil Services Ltd.

The first defendant, Mr Jackson, and the second defendant, Mr Bowers, practised in partnership together as chartered accountants in Douglas under the name of Jackson & Co. The third defendant, Mr Griffin, was an employee of that firm, which provided the payee companies.

A payment order for US$518,822, after it had been signed by Agip's authorised signatory, was fraudulently altered by the substitution for the name of the original payee of the name of Baker Oil.

The altered payment order was taken to BdS, which executed it by debiting Agip's account with the sum of $518,822, value date January 7, and by transmitting instructions to Lloyds Bank in London.

BdS also transmitted appropriate instructions to Citibank, its correspondent bank in New York, to debit its account at Citibank and to credit Lloyds Bank or its correspondent bank in New York with a similar amount.

On January 8, in accordance with the instructions of Jackson & Co, the London bank transferred the $518,822, which was the only sum standing to the credit of Baker Oil's account, to an account in the same branch in the name of Jackson & Co and closed the former account.

Immediately before the transfer from Baker Oil, the Jackson & Co account was $7,912 in credit. As a result of the transfer it became $526,734. On January 9, in accordance with instructions from Jackson & Co, $518,000 was transferred from the account to Jackson & Co's client account at the Isle of Man Bank Ltd in the Isle of Man which was newly opened for that purpose. After two other debits, that left the account of Jackson & Co at Lloyds Bank $8,560 in credit.

On January 15, the greater part of the $518,000 was paid out by the Isle of Man Bank in accordance with the instructions of Jackson & Co.

Agip sought to recover the $518,822 from the defendants, whose contention was that Agip had disclosed no title to sue. The basis of that contention was that the relationship between banker and customer was one of debtor and creditor.

They said that when the customer paid money into the bank, the ownership of the money passed to the bank, the bank could do what it liked with it, but undertook to credit the amount of the money to the customer's account and to honour his drafts or other proper directions in relation to it.

Thus, it was said, when BdS paid Baker Oil it had no authority to do so on behalf of Agip, because the order for payment was forged. Further, it was said, BdS paid with its own money.

His Lordship said that in terms of the mechanism of payment, what happened was no different from what would have happened if the order was not forged but genuine. BdS paid the collecting bank and debited Agip's account at BdS. In practical terms BdS paid with Agip's money in both cases and, indeed, in both cases intended to do so.

In both cases the substance of the matter was that money standing to the credit of Agip's account was paid to a third party in accordance with the order or supposed order of Agip. The direction was to pay from Agip's account.

The reality was a payment by the customer, at any rate in a case where the customer had no right to require a re-crediting of his account. Nothing passed in specie. The whole matter was dealt with by accounting transactions partly in the paying bank and partly in the clearing process.

It did not advance the matter to say that BdS had no mandate from Agip to make the payment at Agip's expense. What actually happened was that BdS did so.

If BdS paid away Agip's money, Agip itself must be entitled to pursue such remedies as there might be for its recovery. The money was certainly paid under a mistake of fact.

The judge's view of the present case was that the common law remedy of tracing was not available to Agip. His Lordship agreed.

Tracing at law did not depend upon the establishment of an initial fiduciary relationship. Liability depended upon receipt by the defendant of the plaintiff's money. Identification in the defendant's hands of the plaintiff's asset was necessary.

The enquiry which had to be made was whether the money paid to Jackson & Co's account was "the product of or substitute for the original thing".

Baker Oil was controlled for present purposes by Jackson & Co but Baker Oil was paid by Lloyds Bank which had been put in funds from New York. It was subsequently recouped, but it was not possible to show the source from which it was recouped without tracing the money through the New York clearing system.

As the judge correctly said, the money with which Lloyds Bank was reimbursed could not, without recourse to equity, be identified as being that of BdS.

The common law treated property as identified if it had not been mixed with other property. Equity, on the other hand, would follow money into a mixed fund and charge the fund.

There was, in the present case, no difficulty about the mechanics of tracing in equity. The money could be traced through the various bank accounts to Baker Oil and onwards.

It was, however, a pre-requisite to the operation of the remedy in equity that there must be a fiduciary relationship which called the equitable jurisdiction into being. There was no difficulty about that in the present case since Zdiri must have been in a fiduciary relationship with Agip. He was the chief accountant of Agip and was entrusted with the signed drafts of orders upon BdS.

A person might be liable, even though he did not himself receive the trust property, if he knowingly assisted in a fraudulent design on the part of the trustee, including a constructive trustee.

On the evidence, his Lordship agreed with the judge that Mr Jackson and Mr Griffin must be regarded as having assisted in the fraud.

There remained the question of their state of mind. Did they have the necessary degree of knowledge?

In the circumstances, the judge rightly came to the conclusion that they must have known they were laundering money and were consequently helping their clients to make arrangements to conceal some dispositions of money which had such a degree of impropriety that neither they nor their clients could afford to have them disclosed.

In the circumstances, Mr Jackson and Mr Griffin were liable as constructive trustees. Mr Bowers was liable for the acts of Mr Jackson, who was his partner, and of Mr Griffin, who was employed by the partnership.

Accordingly, the judge came to the right conclusion.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Beldam agreed.

Solicitors: Wedlake Bell; Shindler & Co.

Cheque in lieu of notice is not wages

Delaney v Staples (trading as De Montfort Recruitment)

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment December 20]

Where an employee was summarily dismissed and given a cheque as payment in lieu of notice, which was later stopped, such a sum was properly characterised as being payable by way of damages for wrongful dismissal, and lay outside the definition of wages in section 7 of the Wages Act 1986.

Accordingly the employee could not make a complaint to an industrial tribunal but had to seek recovery of the sum by bringing an action for breach of contract in the county court.

However, unpaid commission and holiday pay due under the employee's contract were deductions for the purposes of the 1986 Act and accordingly such sums were recoverable by complaint to an industrial tribunal.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing in part Miss Mary Delaney's appeal from the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Wood, Mr T. S. Batho and Mr A. C. Blyghton) (*The Times* February 8, 1990) which had held that the industrial tribunal had no jurisdiction to entertain her claim against her former employer, Mr Robert Staples, trading as De Montfort Recruitment, for £55.50 in respect of unpaid commission and holiday pay, and £82, representing payment in lieu of notice.

Mr Robin Allen and Mr Martin Westgate for the employee; the employer did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the employee had been summarily dismissed from her employment as a recruitment consultant. She was at that time owed sums in respect of unpaid commission and holiday pay.

She was handed a cheque which was later stopped and told that it was in lieu of notice. The employer asserted that she had taken away confidential information and that he would have been entitled to dismiss her summarily.

Section 1(1) of the Wages Act 1986 prohibited the making of an unauthorised deduction from wages. It envisaged that an employee was owed wages and that from those wages an employer had made and retained a deduction.

By contrast was the case, such as the present, where an employer simply refused or failed to pay an employee's wages. That was a case of non-payment.

Holiday pay and commission were wages as defined by the Act: see section 7(1)(a). Very broadly the object of the Act was to see that workers received their wages in full at the time they were due and employers might not make deductions save in specified circumstances.

In his Lordship's view the answer to the present question depended on the proper construction of section 8(3) of the Act which provided in express terms that wages which were properly payable but not paid were to be treated to the extent of the non-payment as within the scope of the expression "deduction". The only exception was for a deficiency attributable to an error of computation.

The Act was concerned with unauthorised deductions. But section 8(3) made it plain that, leaving aside errors of computation, any shortfall in payment of the amount of wages properly payable was to be treated as a deduction. That being so, a dispute on whatever ground as to the amount of wages properly payable could not have the effect of taking the case outside section 8(3).

It was for the industrial tribunal to determine that dispute, and having done so, to move on to determine whether and to what extent the shortfall was authorised by statute or was otherwise outside the ambit of the statutory prohibition: see for example section 1(5).

To the extent that the shortfall was a contravention the tribunal would make an appropriate declaration and orders under sections 5(4) to (6).

His Lordship accordingly preferred the views expressed by the appeal tribunal in *Greg May (Carpet Fitters and Contractors) Ltd v Dring* ([1990] ICR 188) and *Kournavous v J. R. Masterton (Demolition) Ltd* (*The Times* March 3, 1990; [1990] ICR 387) to those expressed in *Barlow v Whittle* (*The Times* January 18, 1990; [1990] ICR 270) and *Alsop v Star Vehicle Contracts Ltd* (*The Times* February 13, 1990; [1990] ICR 378).

The second question concerned the much vexed issue of whether payments in lieu of notice were within the statutory definition of wages. That phrase was a loose expression used indifferently to cover recognisably distinct situations.

There was the case where the employee's contract of employment was terminated and he asserted a claim for wrongful dismissal. He was not given the due notice of dismissal to which he was entitled under the contract. He was claiming pay for the period of notice which he said he was entitled to have been given.

The proper legal analysis of an employee's claim in such a case was that the claim was for damages for breach of the contract of employment. It was not a claim for payment in accordance with the terms of that contract.

If the claim was well founded, the employer was liable to pay damages to recompense the employee for the loss sustained by reason of the breach. A payment made by an employer in respect of, or on account of that breach was a payment in respect of, or on account of that damages claim. In such a case the claim was in respect of a post-termination period of time.

That was to be contrasted with the "garden leave" type of case where the employer gave notice of termination but dispensed with the employee's services for the notice period. There the contract of employment remained in existence until the expiry of notice given.

In such a case, a claim by the employee to be paid during the notice period was truly to be paid wages under his contract. Such sums would come within the statutory definition of wages.

In the present case the claim for £82 was for damages for wrongful dismissal. The definition of wages in section 7 of the 1986 Act made no express provision regarding damages payable for wrongful dismissal.

In his Lordship's view sums so payable were not within the statutory definition. Damages for wrongful dismissal were payable in connection with the termination of a worker's employment rather than in connection with his employment.

They were based on the absence of employment for the period to which the damages related, and they related solely to a period after the contract had been terminated and the employer-employee nexus had been severed. They did not relate to a claim for payment for work done, nor were they connected therewith.

Being satisfied that damages for wrongful dismissal were not within the statutory definition of wages, his Lordship agreed with the present appeal tribunal's view and that similarly expressed in *Foster Wheeler (London) Ltd v Jackson* (*The Times* August 24, 1990; [1990] IRLR 412) and did not accept the contrary views expressed in *Kournavous* and *Janstorp International (UK) Ltd v Allen* (*The Times* September 5, 1990; [1990] IRLR 417).

What was unsatisfactory was that the Act enabled the employee to present a claim to the industrial tribunal in respect of her holiday pay and unpaid commission, but the tribunal had no jurisdiction to hear her closely related claim of £82 for damages for wrongful dismissal. She had to bring separate proceedings in the county court. The situation could be remedied without primary legislation.

Section 131 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 enabled the minister by order to make provision for industrial tribunals to determine claims relating among others to damages for breach of contract arising either on the termination of the employment or in circumstances which also gave rise to proceedings already or simultaneously brought before the tribunal.

It was hoped that the power would be speedily exercised, saving inconvenience and cost to those such as the employee, and also the waste of resources involved in such duplication of proceedings.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson delivered a concurring judgment.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, reiterated his plea expressed in respect of earlier similar legislation and repeated in *O'Laoire v Jackal International Ltd* ([1990] ICR 197, 207) that an order be made under section 131 of the 1978 Act. His Lordship referred to similar *dicta* in other cases, and asked again whether anything could be done.

Solicitors: Central London Law Centre.

Jury notes must be made known

Regina v Dempsey

The fact of any communication from the jury to the judge before their retirement should be disclosed to counsel. It did not necessarily follow that in all cases the contents should be disclosed, but where the communication from the jury concerned evidence or the conduct of the case then it had to be shown to counsel.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Farquharson, Mr Justice Garland and Mr Justice Ognall) so held on December 7, in quashing the conviction of Maria Michelle Dempsey for murder and substituting a sentence of six years imprisonment for manslaughter for the mandatory life sentence imposed by the Recorder of London, Sir James Miskin, at the Central Criminal Court on July 26, 1989, .

LORD JUSTICE FARQUHARSON said most authorities related to the period after the jury retired. Whenever notes were passed to the judge by the jury during the trial, the fact of the communication should be disclosed.

It did not necessarily follow that the contents should be made available to counsel. But they must be shown to counsel where they concerned the evidence in or the conduct of the case. The idea of such communications being made privately was totally unacceptable.

No right to 'McKenzie friend'

Regina v Leicester City Justices, Ex parte Barrow and Another

Justices had discretionary power to refuse to allow unrepresented defendants the assistance of a friend in the course of representing themselves.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Otton) so held in a reserved judgment on December 21 in dismissing an application by Michael Barrow and Carol Barrow for an order of *certiorari* quashing liability orders made by Telford Justices under the Community Charges (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations (SI 1989 No 438) and a declaration that they were entitled to such assistance.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the so-called right to have the assistance of a "McKenzie friend" (*McKenzie v McKenzie* ([1971] P 33)) did not exist and that if it did it would sit very oddly alongside the discretion which justices had to regulate their own proceedings.

When considering an application that a friend assist an unrepresented defendant justices must strive to ensure by their decision that no injustice would be done if they refused the application and that the proceedings bore the appearance of fairness.

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Reveley to enjoy profitable day

By MANDARIN

WOMEN trainers look likely to take centre stage at Kelso today when Mary Reveley can land a double with **Centenary Star** (2.45) and **Tavamaroo** (3.45), while Lynda Ramsden should be on the mark with **Green Archer** (2.15).

And just for good measure, Mrs Reveley has a first-class chance of saddling another double at Southwell's all-weather hurdling meeting with **Mig** (1.25) and **Fleet Footed** (1.55).

At the Scottish course, Centenary Star looks an attractive proposition to follow up his facile success in a novices' handicap hurdle at Wetherby last month by collecting today's Equiname Handicap Hurdle, despite meeting stronger opposition.

Centenary Star is clearly on the upgrade and should account for Cassis Traveller, a 50-1 Catterick winner last time, and the consistent Green Silver.



Ramsden: double chance for her Green Archer

The going is likely to be fairly testing at Kelso and this should suit Mrs Reveley's Tavamaroo, who makes his debut in the January Bumper National Hunt flat race. This four-year-old bay colt is out of the dam Waminda, a winning hunter chaser, and has the right pedigree for the job.

Green Archer carries a 4lb penalty in the Stewart Wight Memorial Handicap Chase for a hard-fought success over Norton Warrior at Sedgefield last Thursday. If he has recovered fully from that game display, Green Archer ought to complete a speedy double at the expense of Boreen Owen, who has to concede 17lb.

The Gordon Richards-trained **Abbot Of Furness** won in good style at Ayr last week and can continue the good work in the Eildon Hills Novices' Hurdle, and it may pay to take a chance with Richard Whitaker's **Burcroft** in the Maxton Novices' Hurdle.

This useful Flat performer finished in mid-division behind Bolaney Boy when making his debut at Carlisle last month, and looks capable of improving sufficiently to surprise Jimmy Fitzgerald's likely favourite, Rostherne, who looked rather one-paced on his recent return to the fray at Stratford.

Decent Man landed the odds in good style at Sedgefield last month, although his task was made easier with Fighting Finish falling at the last. This useful eight-year-old has an extra half-mile to cover this time in the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase Qualifier, but is preferred to Carousel Rocket.

If racing takes place at Plumpton, **Oxbow**, from Reg Akehurst's in-form stable, can get backers off to a good start by capturing the opening event, the first division of the Crowborough Novices' Hurdle.

Bought out of Peter Walwyn's stable for 24,000 guineas at the Newmarket Autumn sales, Oxbow has taken on several smart youngsters in his three hurdles outings to date, including a fair third to Oh So Risky at Lingfield and, against more modest opposition today, is napped to open his account at the expense of Simon Sherwood's Folkestone third Coddington Village.

The second division can go to Paul Cole's **Salmonid**. This five-year-old stayed on impressively to land the Carnarvon Challenge Cup over 12 furlongs on the level at Salisbury in June and looks a decent recruit to the winter game.

Bold Lament, beaten half a length by the progressive Romany King at Chepstow, where today's rival Skinnhill was a distant sixth, is fancied to defy his big weight in the Portslade Handicap Chase.

Two inspections

The meetings at Kelso and Plumpton today are subject to 7.30 am inspections. Parts of the Kelso course are frozen, while at Plumpton the ground is already heavy in places and further rain is forecast. Chepstow yesterday was cancelled because parts of the course were waterlogged.

MPs call for Wyatt to resign as Tote chairman

By RICHARD EVANS

LORD Wyatt of Weeford was yesterday under pressure from two senior MPs to resign as chairman of the Horserace Totalisator Board.

Their comments followed the disclosure in *The Times* yesterday of the contents of the secret Lloyds Merchant Bank report into the Tote, which was critical of Lord Wyatt's role as chairman.

A press release containing a summary of the report's conclusions and recommendations was not issued in July 1989 following external pressure on the Home Office, and the document has been kept under wraps ever since.

The Home Office last night ruled out publishing the report "because it was made in confidence and contains commercial and managerially sensitive information.

"The government is still considering the report by Lloyds Merchant Bank on the feasability of privatising the Tote. The issues involved are complex and the home secretary is not yet in a position to make a final decision on the future of the Tote. It is not possible to give any indication when a decision might be taken," a spokesman said.

Roy Hattersley, the Labour MP for Birmingham, Sparkbrook, and shadow home secretary, said: "Lord Wyatt is acting like someone who believes he is accountable to no-one. Because he has relied for so long on the patronage of the former prime minster, he believes he need no longer have any respect for the accountability of the job to which he has been appointed.

"Clearly, if Lord Wyatt is prepared to behave in this fashion, his position must be under threat. No self-respecting government could allow an appointee to behave in this high-handed fashion."

John Greenway, Conservative MP for Ryedale, which includes the Yorkshire training centre at Malton, said: "The Tote ought to be run for the benefit of racing, not for the benefit of Lord Wyatt.

"Clearly, all is not well within the Tote and perhaps Lord Wyatt ought to consider his position in the light of the criticisms which have been made."

Greenway is on the Commons home affairs select committee, which starts an enquiry later this month into the betting industry, including the Tote. Greenway said: "Bodies like the Tote exist for the benefit of racing and the impression I get after speaking to people at all levels in racing is that it is not properly utilised and therefore it is racing which suffers the consequences."

A statement from the Tote said: "The chairman of the Tote has never seen the report by Lloyds Merchant Bank which was made in confidence to the home secretary. If it is true that a copy has been leaked to *The Times*, this would be a grave breach of the undertakings given on confidentiality. These were essential for commercial and other reasons."

Sir Charles Morrison, Conservative MP for Devizes and chairman of the all-party parliamentary racing and bloodstock industries committee, said: "It would be helpful if it was possible for the report to be published without those parts which are commercially confidential. The Home Office should comment on the situation in regard to the future of the Tote."

He said the contents of the report, as disclosed in *The Times*, showed it to be "infinitely more friendly to racing than we had been led to believe."

The report, presented to Douglas Hurd, then home secretary, in spring 1989, recommended the Tote should be removed from the control of the Home Office and transferred to an umbrella organisation shaped like a public company board.

Richard Alexander, Conservative MP for Newark, who has been seeking unsuccessfully for ministers to publish the report, said: "The criticisms of the chairman and the board would account for the apparent reluctance of the chairman and the board to allow its publication. This is a a government-sponsored pool betting organisation. It should not be just for the chairman and the board to preserve their jobs."

John Smith, who resigned as managing director of Tote Bookmakers in September 1989, after putting forward a management buyout proposal for the 200 betting shops, said yesterday he was now more hopeful that his plan could be put into practice.

While the political furore surrounding the findings in the Lloyds report might embarrass Lord Wyatt, he is unlikely to resign from the Tote. He is a hardened political fighter, but he could be vulnerable to changes in the future of the Tote, due to be considered shortly by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary.

Ladbroke seeks Southwell enquiry

By RICHARD EVANS

LADBROKES has accused the Southwell racecourse management of bringing racing into disrepute by allowing the Channel 4 controversial Dispatches programme to use hidden microphones to record bookmakers' conversations at the midlands track.

Berjis Daver, managing director of Britain's biggest firm of bookmakers, has written to the Jockey Club calling for a formal enquiry into what happened at Southwell and, possibly, Nottingham racecourse, and to take the appropriate disciplinary action.

The latest twist in the Dispatches saga came as Satellite Information Services confirmed yesterday it has threatened to sue Channel 4 unless it screens an apology within ten days. Ladbrokes has already issued a writ for libel.

Ladbrokes lawyers have also contacted Richard Muddle, Southwell's racecourse manager, and told him it will be necessary to interview him in connection with the libel writ.

In his letter to Christopher Haines, chief executive of the Jockey Club, Daver claims that apart from the installation of bugging devices, Ladbrokes course representative at Southwell, Harry White, was "tricked into an interview at the racecourse by being asked by Richard Muddle to co-operate in the preperation of a promotional film for Southwell racecourse.

"These actions have, in our view, brought racing into disrepute and have shaken the foundations of trust which is the basis of all racecourse transaction. No customer can any longer set foot on track and feel secure that his private dealings are not being monitored.

Muddle said yesterday he was taking legal advice over Ladbrokes remarks to see if they were defamatory. He had no intention of being interviewed by their lawyers unless he was obliged to legally.

Leopardstown acceptors stand firm

From OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

ALL 18 acceptors for Saturday's Ir£50,000 Leopardstown feature, The Ladbroke, stood their ground at yesterday's four-day declaration stage. This means that, barring accidents, Redundant Pal will attempt to win the race for the third year in succession.

Provided that he stays in at tomorrow's final declaration stage, the only alteration to the original published weights will affect the trio at the bottom of the handicap, Bawnmore Lad, Imperial Brush and Donode, who will have to carry the minimum ten stone.

It is widely known that Paddy Mullins was very much against the idea of running Redundant Pal, who has gone chasing this winter and who was a faller at Naas on Saturday. However, the syndicate of media owners, headed by Peter O'Neill, sports editor of *Sunday World*, won the argument and Redundant Pal therefore attempts a unique treble.

Acceptors: Redundant Pal 12st 0lb (C O'Dwyer). Athy Spirit 11-10 (J Banahan). Welsh Bard 11-9 (Mr A Lacy), Wonder Man 11-5 (M Pitman). Rare Holiday 11-4 (B Sheridan), Belly Rue 11-1 (Mr E Kearns Jr), Joyful Noise 10-13 (T Taaffe), The Illiad 10-13 (P McWilliams), Tawkin 10-10 (C Swan), Fragrant Dawn 10-9 (M Dwyer), Jennycomequick 10-9 (A Powell), Riverhead 10-8 (G Bradley), Nancy Myles 10-5 (Mr F Flood), Persian Style 10-1 (R Rowe), Trimlough 10-1 (A Mullins), Bawnmore Lad 9-13 (G M O'Neill), Imperial Brush 9-11 (P Holley), Donode 9-10 (H Taylor).

Latest betting (Ladbrokes): 5-2 Wonder Man, 7-1 Riverhead, 8-1 Fragrant Dawn, Joyful Noise, The Illiad, 12-1 Persian Style, 14-1 others.

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Thunderer
12.45 Burcroft.	12.45 Gone Astray.
1.15 Abbot Of Furness.	1.15 Abbot Of Furness.
1.45 Decent Man.	1.45 DECENT MAN (nap).
2.15 Green Archer.	2.15 Green Archer.
2.45 Centenary Star.	2.45 Centenary Star.
3.15 Impecuniosity.	3.15 Impecuniosity.
3.45 Tavamaroo.	3.45 Lion Of Vienna.

By Michael Seely

1.15 Abbot Of Furness. 2.15 GREEN ARCHER (nap).

Going: good to soft (soft in places) (7.30 am inspection) SIS

12.45 MAXTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,092: 2m 6f) (14 runners)

1	6-	BENGHAZI 330 (A Thomson) A Thomson 7-11-4	T Reed		—
2	0P/P0	BRAVE THE STORM 93 (R Johnson) R Johnson 9-11-4	Mr P Johnson		—
3	0	BURCROFT 12 (Mrs E Verity) R Whitaker 7-11-4	S Turner		—
4	5-P	FOSSWAY MERCHANT 11 (Lady Penwick) G Coatsworth 5-11-4	G Harker		—
5	4/PP0	HUTNER 8 (Exors of the late Mr R W Dods) M Dods 6-11-4	A Merrigan		74
6	0/2-RR3P	MADJOEC 18 (S) (A Stewart) C Parker 9-11-4	N Doughty		81
7		MORGANS HARBOUR (Minizon Ltd) K Burke 5-11-4	R Supple		—
8	2/2-3	ROSTHERNE 12 (A F Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-4	M Dwyer		99
9	0/5-555F	ROWAN LEAF 37 (R McDonald) R McDonald 8-11-4	K Jones		84
10	06	SMART PAL 12 (Mrs J Plummer) P Beaumont 6-11-4	P A Farrell		—
11	0	UNOR 27 (Miss H Hamilton) T Tate 5-11-4	G McCourt		—
12	3-320P0	BLUEBELL TRACK 100 (Mrs P O'Rorke) V Thompson 5-10-13	L O'Hara (3)		—
13	30-5P32	GONE ASTRAY 37 (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 6-10-13	B Storey		92
14	5554	STEPPING LIGHTLY 18 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 4-10-5	Mr K Johnston		91

BETTING: 6-4 Rostherne, 5-2 Gone Astray, 6-1 Stepping Lightly, 10-1 Madjoec, 12-1 Burcroft, Morgans Harbour, 14-1 others.

1990: JESTERS PROSPECT 8-11-4 P Niven (11-4) Mrs J Goodfellow 13 ran

FORM FOCUS MADJOEC 13l 3rd to Now And Then over course and distance (good) on penultimate start, with BRAVE THE STORM tailed off 9th. ROSTHERNE staying-on 12¾l 3rd of 16 to Alreef at Stratford (2m, good to soft), and was 4l 2nd to Khartif at Catterick (2m, good to soft) last February. ROWAN LEAF fell in novice chase. Previously 18¾l 5th of 15 to Arpal Breeze here (2m, good). SMART PAL weakened 3 out when 44l 6th to Bolaney Boy at Carlisle (2m 4f, soft), with BURCROFT a never dangerous 9th. GONE ASTRAY 6l 2nd to Break The Chain over course and distance (good to soft). Previously 4½l 3rd to Equinoctial in a novice handicap over course and distance (good to soft). STEPPING LIGHTLY 11¾l 4th to Mig at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good), with HUTNER pulled up before 4 out and MADJOEC pulled up before last. Selection: ROSTHERNE

1.15 EILDON HILLS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,887: 2m) (16 runners)

1	212/2-21	ABBOT OF FURNESS 6 (D,S) (Lord Cavendish) G Richards 7-11-13	N Doughty		99
2	41-4326	DICKIE'S GIN 11 (S) (J Wade) J Wade 7-11-6	K Jones		98
3		FINDOGLEN (Ben Coutts and Friends) K Oliver 5-11-6	G Thomson (7)		—
4	5/20-50	HALLBOROUGH 18 (J Ogden) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-6	M Dwyer		74
5	00-0	KING SPRING 12 (Mrs D Johnstone) C Parker 5-11-6	B Storey		—
6	50-5	MASHUM 54 (A Batey) A Batey 5-11-6	K Doolan		79
7	00	MURRFIELD 63 (The Scottish Steeplechasing Partnership) K Oliver 5-11-6	T Reed		—
8	00/	ORMOND HALL 818 (R Johnson) R Johnson 7-11-6	Mr P Johnson		—
9	6000F-	SNEVES 298 (G Jones) S Kettlewell 5-11-6	J Callaghan (3)		—
10	0-5	TRUELY ROYAL 12 (A. Eubank) A. Eubank 7-11-6	Mr R Hale (7)		84
11	200-40P	VIMCHASE 9 (D McCune) D McCune 5-11-6	J O'Gorman (3)		72
12		AMAZE ME (P Wishart) Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-1	Mr J Bradburne		—
13	62-0	GLEN MORVERN 89 (Lt.-Commander W H Crawford) W Crawford 5-11-1	L O'Hara (3)		—
14		HAZEL LEAF (R McDonald) R McDonald 5-11-1	A Merrigan		—
15		LA REINE COQUINE (Castle Milk Stables) L Lungo 7-11-1	C Hawkins		—
16	0	YOKATOLA RUN 37 (B Mactaggart) B Mactaggart 6-11-1	G McCourt		—

BETTING: 10-11 Abbot Of Furness, 3-1 Dickie's Gin, 6-1 Mashum, 10-1 Amaze Me, Hallborough, Trusty Royal, 12-1 others.

1990: SCARNING DALE 7-11-7 D Nolan (8-1) P Monteith 12 ran

FORM FOCUS ABBOT OF FURNESS best Eastern Whisper 6l at Ayr (2m, heavy). Previously 12l 2nd to Blackaburg at Catterick (2m, good), with VIMCHASE pulled up before 2 out. DICKIE'S GIN 28l 5th of 18 to Cab On Target at Newcastle (2m 4f, good). Previously ¾l 2nd to Bignor Hill at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm). HALLBOROUGH weakened 3 out when a well beaten 8th of 14 to Mig at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). MASHUM 26¾l 5th of 12 to Better Times Ahead at Ayr (2m, soft). TRUELY ROYAL 36l 5th to Bolaney Boy at Carlisle (2m 4f, soft), with KING SPRING 10th. GLEN MORVERN 1½l 2nd to Dalsyra Boy in a National Hunt flat race at Ayr (1m 6f, heavy) last April, and was 27l 8th to Wensleydalewilliam at Carlisle on reappearance (2m 1f 110yd, good). Selection: ABBOT OF FURNESS

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
T Tate	4	16	25.0
Mrs G Reveley	22	98	22.4
R Fisher	9	41	22.0
G Richards	35	159	22.0
Jimmy Fitzgerald	9	42	21.4
W A Stephenson	47	307	15.3

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mr K Johnson	7	29	30.4
R Hodge	4	16	25.0
G McCourt	5	25	24.0
L O'Hara	10	45	23.3
Mrs A Farrell	4	21	19.0
N Doughty	15	95	18.9

● Richard Dunwoody, who has been out of action since being injured in a fall on New Year's Day, looks certain to return in time to partner Desert Orchid in Saturday's Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot. Dunwoody, still leading the jockeys' championship despite his layoff, said yesterday that he hoped to be back riding by Friday at the latest. The actual day of his return hangs in the balance as he has an appointment with his physiotherapist.

1.45 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,080: 3m) (12 runners)

1	3/6-5221	DECENT MAN 14 (S) (J Read) P Beaumont 6-11-3	P A Farrell		91
2	3PP561	PACO'S BOY 7 (D,F,S) (F Rooting Ltd) J J O'Neill 6-11-3	M Dwyer		96
3	3328PP	BRUSHFORD 12 (J Wade) J Wade 7-10-10	K Jones		84
4	4222P-3	CAROUSEL ROCKET 7 (S,S) (A Seccomando) J S Wilson 8-10-10	G McCourt		99
5	5	HALLO FOUNTAIN 36 (Mrs S Taylor) J Johnson 8-10-10	A Ormsby		—
6	40/0-262	HE WHO DARES WINS 19 (I Cheesbrough) W A Stephenson 8-10-10	Mr K Johnson		67
7	232/53-4	LAST OF THE FLIES 20 (Mrs A Mactaggart) A Mactaggart 10-10-10	Mr D Mactaggart (7)		78
8	5U64-43	MARLEFIELD 19 (W Stuart Wilson) K Oliver 8-10-10	T Reed		76
9	/440-	RAMPANT 393 (F,S) (P Cartmell) R Barr 12-10-10	Mr H Brown		73
10	51-6222	ROY'S DREAM 12 (F) (C Bird) S Leadbetter 8-10-10	C Hawkins		90
11	P/P42P-U	WAYSIDE 14 (J Donnelly) V Thompson 9-10-10	L O'Hara (3)		72
12	12166-P	ZARIBEE 12 (F) (J Walby) W A Stephenson 8-10-10	B Storey		—

BETTING: 3-1 Decent Man, 7-2 Carousel Rocket, 9-2 Roy's Dream, 5-1 Rampant, 8-1 He Who Dares Wins, Last Of The Flies, Paco's Boy, 12-1 others.

1990: FISH QUAY 7-10-10 R Marley (4-1) M H Easterby 11 ran

FORM FOCUS DECENT MAN best Bow Handy Man 30l at Sedgfield (2m 4f, soft), when WAYSIDE unseated his rider at the first. PACO'S BOY best previous winner Manhattan Chase 21½l at Ayr (2m 110yd, heavy), with CAROUSEL ROCKET (7lb better off) 1¾l 4th. CAROUSEL ROCKET put up best effort last season when neck 2nd to Mister Point at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft). HE WHO DARES WINS staying-on 12l 2nd to Manhattan Chase at Hexham (3m, good to soft), with MARLEFIELD (same terms) 3l 3rd. ROY'S DREAM staying-on 10l 2nd to Merlinmoore at Carlisle (2m 4f, heavy), with BRUSHFORD and ZARIBEE pulled up. Earlier 15l 2nd to Jesters Prospect over 2m 5f (good to soft) here with LAST OF THE FLIES 16½l 4th. Selection: DECENT MAN (nap)

2.15 STEWART WIGHT MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,872: 3m) (4 runners)

1	021-132	BOREEN OWEN 8 (D,S) (J O'Neill) J J O'Neill 7-11-10	M Dwyer		90
2	20-4231	GREEN ARCHER 6 (C,D,S) (R Moody) Mrs J Ramsden 8-10-7 (4ex)	G McCourt		99
3	143/28P-	BOLD SPARTAN 327 (D,S) (R Kirkland) K Oliver 8-10-3	T Reed		93
4	PP63-54	FAIR ECHO 20 (D,C,S) (C Fawcett) C Parker 11-10-0	B Storey		—

Long handicap: Fair Echo 9-1.

BETTING: 4-6 Green Archer, 6-4 Boreen Owen, 10-1 Bold Spartan, 20-1 Fair Echo.

1990: THE BUILDER 11-11-12 P Niven (9-1) Mrs G Reveley 8 ran

FORM FOCUS BOREEN OWEN, a winner at Thurles (3m, good) in November, weakened 2 out when 15l 3rd to Tuns Hill at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft). GREEN ARCHER showed improved form when beating Norton Warrior a head at Sedgefield (3m 2f 150yd, soft) late week. BOLD SPARTAN completed the course only once from three starts last season, when 6l 2nd to Bonnie Artist at Newcastle (3m, firm). FAIR ECHO 48l 4th to Norval at Kelso (2m 6f, good to soft). Selection: GREEN ARCHER

2.45 EQUINAME HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,917: 2m 2f) (9 runners)

1	0P542-0	GUNNER MAC 4 (B,C,G,S) (F McHale) N Bycroft 8-12-0	J Bycroft (7)		88
2	P03663	GURTEEN BOY 4 (D,S) (J Lane) J J O'Neill 9-11-8	S O'Sullivan (7)		99
3	1145-63	SPARK OF PEACE 6 (CD),G,S) (B Cahill) P Blockley 9-11-2	D Macteggart (7)		89
4	5/001	CASSIS TRAVELLER 35 (F) (R Lamb) R Lamb 7-10-13	Miss S Lamb (7)		91
5	9/003-21	CENTENARY STAR 13 (S) (C Buckley) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-12	Mr M Buckley (7)		85
6	80/113	BLUEHAVEN FLYER 55 (D,F,G) (A Batey) A Batey 6-10-12			91
7	322153	GREEN SILVER 9 (S) (C Ewart) G Richards 9-10-8	C Ewart (7)		95
8	58-5232	PENDLEY GOLD 6 (V,S) (Mrs H Greenshields) M Naughton 10-10-0	Mrs A Farrell (5)		90
9	6P0310-	NANCY ARDROSS 257 (A Dawson) J Haldane 5-10-0	Miss P Thimbell (7)		93

Long handicap: Nancy Ardross 9-3.

BETTING: 3-1 Centenary Star, 7-2 Cassis Traveller, 5-1 Green Silver, 11-2 Gunner Mac, 6-1 Bluehaven Flyer, 15-2 Pendley Gold, 8-1 Spark Of Peace, 10-1 others.

1990: SPARK OF PEACE 8-11-2 P Midgley (7-2) P Blockley 10 ran

FORM FOCUS GURTEEN BOY put up one of his better efforts when 3l 3rd to Randolph Place at Haydock (2m 4f, soft), with seasonal debutant GUNNER MAC (a habit of 8th). CASSIS TRAVELLER 50-1 shock when beating Now And Then 12l at Catterick (3m 1f 80yd, good to firm). CENTENARY STAR, from a stable in excellent form, impressed in beating Break The Chain 6l at Wetherby (2m 4f, soft). BLUEHAVEN FLYER one-paced 15l 3rd to Comet at Ayr (2m, good to soft), with PENDLEY GOLD 15l 5th and GURTEEN BOY pulled up. PENDLEY GOLD 20l 2nd to Regal Estate at Ayr (2m, heavy). GREEN SILVER 8l 3rd to Fiery Sun at Southwell (AW, 2m 4f, standard). NANCY ARDROSS beat Cougar 12l at Southwell (AW, 2m, standard) on penultimate start. Selection: CENTENARY STAR

3.15 DUNS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,928: 2m 196yd) (3 runners)

1	31223-2	MAREJO 8 (CD,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 10-12-0	B Storey		98
2	136/11-4	CRASH MARKET 12 (D,F,G) (A MacDonald) R Fisher 9-11-9	M Dwyer		94
3	414/1	IMPECUNIOSITY 7 (D,G,S) (D Lands) J S Wilson 9-11-4 (bex)	G McCourt		99

BETTING: 11-8 Impecuniosity, 7-4 Marejo, 2-1 Crash Market.

1990: MAREJO 9-11-7 B Storey (5-4 fav) F Walton 9 ran

FORM FOCUS MAREJO a course and distance winner on good to soft ground last season. Made a promising reappearance when ¾l 2nd to Hi Jass at Catterick (2m, good to soft). CRASH MARKET won both starts last season, on the latter occasion beating Lothian Admiral 20l at Carlisle (2m, good), and was 22l 4th to Timura Double over 2m 1f 110yd (soft) at the same track on reappearance. IMPECUNIOSITY overcame lengthy absence to beat only other finisher Clay Country 4l at Ayr (2m, heavy). Selection: MAREJO

3.45 JANUARY BUMPER NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,918: 1m 5f) (14 runners)

1		DAVARA (D Nicholson) S Leadbetter 5-11-10	G Thomson (7)		—
2		FAST RECOVERY (Mrs V Haslam) R Armytage 6-11-10	Mr A Robson (7)		—
3		ISLAND GALE (D McCune) D McCune 6-11-10	J O'Gorman (3)		—
4	0	SILVER GURU 11 (R Crossley) O Brennan 6-11-10	B Dalton (7)		—
5		SIXANDFOUR (Mrs J Ward) J J O'Neill 5-11-10	A Dobbin (7)		—
6		TAVAMAROO (Peter Carr and Partners) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-10	R Hodge (7)		—
7		THISTLEHOLM (W Nelson) W Nelson 5-11-10	P O'Leary (7)		—
8		BIT OF LIGHT (R Lamb) R Lamb 4-11-0	N Smith (5)		—
9	0	CAPRONI 5 (W McHarg) J S Wilson 4-11-0	L O'Hara (3)		—
10		CROSSHOT (R McDonald) R McDonald 4-11-0	A Lamach (7)		—
11		HIGHLAND RALLY (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 4-11-0	J Callaghan (3)		—
12		LION OF VIENNA (Mrs M Jones-Bradburn) J J O'Neill 4-11-0	F Murtagh (7)		—
13		TED'S FUTURE (A Collins) J J O'Neill 4-11-0	G Cahill (7)		—
14		COOL DYNASTY (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 4-10-9	Mrs M Kendall		—

BETTING: 2-1 Tavamaroo, 11-4 Highland Rally, 5-1 Bit Of Light, 11-2 Capironi, 6-1 Sixandfour, Ted's Future, 10-1 others.

1990: DICKIE'S GIN 6-11-3 Mr R Ford (5-2 jt-fav) T Tate 12 ran

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin	By Thunderer
1.00 OXBOW (nap).	1.00 Aldwick Colonnade.
1.30 Seven Of Diamonds.	1.30 Seven Of Diamonds.
2.00 Carfax.	2.00 Marlborough Lady.
2.30 Bold Lament.	2.30 Bold Lament.
3.00 Never A Penny.	3.00 Never A Penny.
3.30 Salmonid.	3.30 Salmonid.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 OXBOW.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 — B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft (heavy patches in front of stand) (7.30am SIS inspection)

1.0 CROWBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,150: 2m) (14 runners)

1	3-03	CODDINGTON VILLAGE 11 (Southchase Ltd) S Sherwood 6-11-3	J Osborne		88
2	04-5	DEHAR BOY 135 (I Honeywood) D Morris 6-11-3	R Rowe		70
3	2502P/0	PICK ROUNDSTONE 11 (P Langmead) J Gifford 8-11-3	G Moore		—
4	2P2402	SECRET SUBMIT 9 (B) (R Delacour) A Moore 5-11-3	P Verling (3)		81
5	P-00	SECURITY ALERT 11 (A Russell) D Murray Smith 5-11-3	H Davies		72
6	0/6P-54	COUNTESS BLAKENEY 12 (R Stanley) D Grissell 5-10-12	W Morris		—
7	0P	FRONT PAGE 11 (Amity Finance Ltd) J Akehurst 4-10-5	R Boocher (7)		—
8	0	MODERN JAZZ 22 (A Dean) C Elsey 4-10-5	M Perrett		66
9	35	NEDOMI 116F (L Fuller) G Enright 4-10-5	L Harvey		86
10	336	OXBOW 18 (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-10-5	D Morris		72
11	004	ALBURY GREY 9 (Albury Racing Ltd) R Curtis 4-10-0	M Bowlby		82
12	64	ALDWICK COLONNADE 12 (B Fry) M Usher 4-10-0	M Richards		—
13	R5	HOSTESS QUICKLY 13 (Mrs J Ward) P Hedger 4-10-0	J McLaughlin		—
14		SCORPIO LADY 36F (Mrs J Pairce) G Blum 4-10-0	Mrs M Kendall		—

BETTING: 10-11 Oxbow, 5-1 Coddington Village, 8-1 Secret Summit, Nidomi, 12-1 Aldwick Colonnade, Countess Blakeney, 14-1 Pick Roundstone, Security Alert, 16-1 Hostess Quickly, 20-1 others.

1990: GOOD SPARK 4-10-12 J Leech (2-1 fav) R Akehurst 14 ran

1.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,002: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

1	42F-RF1	INTO THE RED 12 (S) (J Huckle) J White 7-11-3	R Guest		95
2	PF-0342	DAYBROOK VERB 13 (R Brown) J Honeyball 9-10-10	S McNeill		83
3	2P-P2	DUNRAVEN ROYAL 12 (S Glazer) R Curtis 8-10-10	D Morris		87
4	/00-F6F	HARD TO LIVE 8 (F) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 9-10-10	R Rowe		—
5	6P0P-0	KHETA KING 26 (Sir G Brunton) K Bailey 8-10-10	I Lawrence		—
6	4013-05	LUCKY HELMET 18 (S) (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 7-10-10	W Irvine		76
7	P/60P2/	MASTER DON 634 (S) (R Frost) R Frost 6-10-10	J Frost		—
8	F/2F-4P	MOUNTAIN CABIN 16 (G Murray Smith) D Murray Smith 9-10-10	P Verling (3)		99
9	2061/FF	SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 8 (BF,G) (T Keeping) D Elsworth 8-10-10	B Powell		95
10	4-42224	SHARPFORD 18 (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 6-10-10	J Akehurst		77
11	P/PP-0PP	THUNDERWOOD 36 (S) (T Reid) T Reid 8-10-10	T Grantham		—

BETTING: 11-4 Seven Of Diamonds, 7-2 Mountain Cabin, 4-1 Dunraven Royal, 5-1 Into The Red, 7-1 Daybrook Verb, 10-1 Hard To Live, 12-1 Kheta King, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.0 WIVELSFIELD SELLING HURDLE (£1,748: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1	24250P	FINAL FLUTTER 12 (F,G) (M Cutting) A Moore 8-12-2	Candy Morris		76
2	00-4U00	CARFAX 8 (B,S) (P Hogbin) R Hoad 6-11-11	M Hoad (5)		97
3	43143P-	HATAAM 301 (B,S) (J Canney) E Wheeler 5-11-11	M Bowlby		83
4	400P-00	VIRGINIA'S BAY 9 (F) (Mrs V Toft) J Long 5-11-11	Laura Long (7)		80
5	5540-0P	CHANGE WEAR 46 J King 5-11-6	S Smith Eccles		99
6	0P00P-P	COME HALLEY 4 (D Bolt) Mrs A Knight 5-11-6	M Williams		—
7	P0/0-P3	CROSSLAND LEISURE 12 (D Cross) C Weedon 8-11-6	A Webb		70
8	000-PF	KING OF THE WOOD 13 (B King) J Bennett 5-11-5	L Harvey		—
9	000052-	MANTINK 270 (J Quinn) J Davies 6-11-5	Mr A Hickman (7)		84
10	0	SARUM PRINCE 20 (A Brown) B Stevens 5-11-5	W McFarland		—
11	045-620	MARLBOROUGH LADY 53 (Poppe Inne Racing) Mrs A Knight 5-11-1	G Knight		89
12		SUBDOK 491F (T Parrett) J Czerpak 5-11-1	J Duggan		—
13	460	WOOD CORNER 12 (P Tylor) R Frost 6-11-1	J Frost		77
14	600	KINGSMERE 8 (V) (Mrs M McLellan) M Channon 4-10-7	A McLellan (7)		66
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England's flickering fire in the Ashes cricket series is finally extinguished by one of the least likely batsmen to do so

Rackemann wrecks England's last hopes

From ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, SYDNEY

AMONG all the many qualities of this admirable Australian team, it would be difficult to name one less likely to extinguish England's Ashes ambitions than the batting of Carl Rackemann.

In the 12 Test matches he has played, Rackemann, although a slightly disappointing bowler, has taken almost as many wickets as he has scored runs. And yet, in 107 minutes of cussed defiance here yesterday, he may have saved Australia from one of the most remarkable defeats the game has seen.

England, responding once more to the intangible blend of whip and carrot so effectively brandished by Graham Gooch, were bearing down on the unthinkable when Rackemann intervened.

Four prime wickets falling either side of lunch, three of them to the emergent Philip Tufnell, left Australia at the nadir of 166 for seven, 215 ahead and with the best part of four hours remaining. If England could have made the final incision, a victory beyond imagination would have beckoned.

Instead, we saw a single-minded Rackemann block and kick the ball away against uninterrupted spin for a frustrating eternity. After 72 minutes, having faced 75 balls, he had still not scored. Nor, puzzlingly, had he been confronted by a single over of pace.

It gave him the bizarre memorial of an Australian Test record time on nought; much more significant, it put England out of the game, this time for good.

When the half-fit Devon *Malcolm was belatedly summoned* to dismiss Rackemann with his sixth delivery, England were left with a little under two hours, and a minimum of 28 overs, to chase 255. Gooch, amazingly, still refused to accept the easy option and, while he and the promoted David Gower were thrashing 84 in 12 overs for the first wicket, Allan Border wore the look of a man still haunted by the improbable English heroics of 1981.

But this was always an impossible mission, even in the context of a confusing match, and by 5.45pm the Australians were back-slapping, hand-shaking and waving to the crowd. The Ashes were retained, though not with anything like the patronising supremacy expected.

As long ago as the second day of this extraordinary game, England had looked bound and gagged. Facing a score of 518, conceded by clumsy fielding and hapless bowling, victory was patently out of the question; escape was the limit of their realistic aspirations. Or so it seemed.

The catalyst for yesterday's drama was, of course, Gooch's excellent declaration on Monday evening and the subsequent removal of both Australian openers at negligible expense. Far from incidental, however, was the wear of the pitch; on this fifth *morning it befriended the* good spin bowler.

England's spin bowling did not fully measure up to the qualifying "good". Tufnell, in his second Test, completely outbowled Hemmings, who is 18 years his senior and looks his age. For much of the morning, Hemmings must have dismayed his captain by the number of wayward balls he bowled, which were many, and by the number of times he spun the ball to any effect, which were few. Had he given the young left-armer more suitable support, Australia may not have survived much beyond lunch.

With that said, they were sustained into the afternoon by their nightwatchman, Ian Healy, who could have been caught by Gower off Hemmings in the day's third over. Gower, at square leg, was fractionally slow to react to a well-struck shot and could only parry it, left-handed and at full stretch.

Hurrying through the overs at a rate of almost 20 an hour, England made the breakthrough on the stroke of midday when Tufnell turned one sharply enough to have Boon well caught by Gooch at slip. Tufnell, at this stage, had figures of one for five in his twelfth over and the Australians had taken a *view that* runs were only available from the other end.

Healy may have been fortunate to survive an appeal for a bat-pad catch against Tufnell, one of an alarming number of questionable decisions in the game, but the pressure was relaxed by two dreadful errors in the field by Malcolm in the course of a single Tufnell over.

All hope appeared to have gone when, shortly before lunch, Tufnell dismissed Border and Jones with successive balls and then, with the hat-trick ball, had Waugh put down at silly point from what might have been bat, pad or both.

England, who spent the day appealing excitedly for almost anything, would certainly have claimed it. Waugh was then missed by Russell off Tufnell before his eccentric innings ended in the fifth over of the afternoon.

Immediately, Healy's heroic 69 was curtailed by a sharp Smith catch at silly mid-off, the cue for Rackemann to enter while the band of Brits on the Hill found full and raucous voice.

For a time, it was reasonable to hope that spin would *undo Australia's strictly lim*ited No. 9, but for Gooch to persist so long was mystifying.

He later explained that Malcolm, much the most effective bowler of the match, was struggling with back and side injuries; but, crucially, he was still on the field, and there is unlikely to be a more urgent situation for his attention in the entire series.

When Tufnell led England off, his earlier childishness redeemed by spin bowling of maturity, few expected England to venture anything other than a meander to safety. Instead, Gooch and Gower treated a crowd of 9,002, *boosting the match atten*dance to more than 106,000, to some rich stroke-play.

Gooch's half-century came in only 42 balls and was his third score between 50 and 60 in successive Test innings. Its power and desperation said all that was necessary about what he later described as the "very big personal blow" of failing in the Ashes assault.

When his dismissal was followed, next ball, by Stewart and Smith finding each other at the same end of the pitch, a touch of inappropriate farce, the curtain was quietly pulled down on a contest of incessant surprises.

GRAHAM MORRIS



One Tufnell did not have a hand in: England's five-wicket hero hails Matthews's exit at Hemmings's behest

SCOREBOARD FROM SYDNEY

Australia won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G R Marsh c Larkins b Malcolm	13	-	2	55	41
Edging forward outside off stump					
M A Taylor c Russell b Malcolm	11	-	2	78	47
Fending ball off hip, caught on leg side					
D C Boon c Atherton b Gooch	97	-	17	201	174
Cutting knee-high to backward point					
*A R Border b Hemmings	78	-	10	250	184
Sweeping, bowled round legs					
D M Jones st Russell b Small	50	-	7	200	120
Attempting to play ball to leg					
S R Waugh c Stewart b Malcolm	48	-	8	86	61
Off glove and hip to short leg					
G R J Matthews c Hemmings b Tufnell	128	*	17	242	175
Skied full toss to deep extra cover					
†I A Healy c Small b Hemmings	35	-	2	93	61
Sweeping to deep backward square leg					
C G Rackemann b Hemmings	1	-	-	15	8
Between bat and pad					
T M Alderman not out	26	-	1	86	73
Driving to extra cover					
B A Reid c Smith b Malcolm	0	-	-	15	7
Extras (b 5, lb 8, nb 8)	21				
Total (857 mins, 157 overs)	518				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21 (Taylor 4), 2-38 (Boon 10), 3-185 (Border 55), 4-226 (Jones 16), 5-232 (Jones 34), 6-347 (Matthews 24), 7-442 (Matthews 81), 8-457 (Matthews 94) 9-512 (Alderman 20).

BOWLING: Malcolm 45-12-128-4 (nb8) (10-5-18-2), (4-1-11-0), (6-1-21-0), (8-1-30-1), (7-2-23-0), (4-1-8-0), (6-1-19-1); Small 31-5-103-1 (nb1) (8-2-22-0), (3-1-10-0), (4-1-12-0), (4-0-10-0), (5-0-26-0), (5-1-17-1), (2-0-8-0); Hemmings 32-7-105-3 (13-4-34-0), (2-0-4-0), (3-1-8-1), (1-0-1-0), (4-0-24-0), (9-2-36-2); Tufnell 30-6-95-1 (1-1-0-0), (11-3-36-0), (6-2-9-0), (7-0-34-0), (5-0-16-1); Gooch 14-3-46-1 (9-2-32-1), (5-1-14-0); Atherton 5-0-28-0 (4-0-21-0), (1-0-7-0).

* Matthews's score includes one five.

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
M A Taylor lbw b Hemmings	19	-	2	39	31
Stretching forward, playing no shot					
G R Marsh c Stewart b Malcolm	4	-	-	26	13
Fending off rising ball to bat-pad					
†I A Healy c Smith b Tufnell	69	-	6	165	150
Forward defensive stretch to silly mid-off					
D C Boon c Gooch b Tufnell	29	-	3	73	72
Edged sharply turning ball to slip					
*A R Border c Gooch b Tufnell	20	-	3	34	29
Sweeping to square leg					
D M Jones c and b Tufnell	0	-	-	1	1
Weak forward defensive shot					
S R Waugh c Russell b Hemmings	14	-	2	32	26
Edged back-foot defensive shot					
G R J Matthews b Hemmings	19	-	-	72	56
Playing back to lifting, turning ball					
C G Rackemann b Malcolm	9	-	-	107	102
Beaten for pace					
T M Alderman c Gower b Tufnell	1	-	-	10	10
Skied to silly point					
B A Reid not out	5	-	-	28	32
Extras (lb 16)	16				
Total (300 mins, 89 overs)	206				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21 (Taylor 15), 2-29 (Healy 3), 3-81 (Healy 22), 4-129 (Healy 50), 5-129 (Healy 50), 6-166 (Healy 68), 7-166 (Matthews 0), 8-189 (Rackemann 0), 9-192 (Rackemann 2).

BOWLING: Malcolm 8-1-19-2 (5-1-15-1), (1-0-4-1); Small 2-1-6-0; Hemmings 41-9-94-3 (13-1-39-1), (19-5-46-1), (9-3-9-1); Tufnell 37-18-61-5 (11-8-4-0), (19-6-51-4), (2-1-3-0), (5-3-3-1); Atherton 3-1-9-0 (1-0-6-0), (1-0-3-0), (1-1-0-0).

ENGLAND: First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
*G A Gooch c Healy b Reid	59	-	5	148	127
Attempting fine leg glance					
M A Atherton c Boon b Matthews	105	-	8	451	349
Glanced turning ball to short leg					
W Larkins run out (Border)	11	-	2	44	33
Direct hit from mid-wicket					
R A Smith c Healy b Reid	18	-	3	67	50
Following ball outside off stump					
D I Gower c Marsh b Reid	123	-	15	312	236
Hard, low cut to gully					
A J Stewart lbw b Alderman	91	-	13	157	146
Stretching right down pitch					
†R C Russell not out	30	-	3	90	64
G C Small lbw b Alderman	10	-	1	28	21
Playing no shot					
E E Hemmings b Alderman	0	-	-	2	3
Pushing out defensively					
P C R Tufnell not out	5	-	1	22	15
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 8)	17				
Total (8 wkts dec, 865 mins, 172.1 overs)	469				

D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-95 (Atherton 33), 2-116 (Atherton 42), 3-158 (Atherton 61), 4-295 (Gower 89), 5-394 (Stewart 64), 6-426 (Russell 3), 7-444 (Russell 11), 8-444 (Russell 11).

BOWLING: Alderman 20.1-4-62-3 (nb1) (8-1-20-0), (2-1-3-0), (4-1-19-0), (6.1-1-20-3); Reid 35.1-8-79-3 (nb5) (5-0-10-0), (5-1-14-0), (6-2-16-1), (5-1-13-1), (3-1-2-0), (2-1-1-1), (2-0-10-0), (7-3-13-1); Rackemann 25.5-5-89-0 (nb3) (3-0-11-0), (10-4-19-0), (2-0-8-0), (4.5-0-29-0), (6-1-22-0); Matthews 58-16-145-1 (nb2) (4-2-7-0), (4-0-13-0), (24-8-43-0), (2-0-5-0), (1-0-2-0), (12-3-34-1), (7-2-19-0), (4-0-22-0); Border 19-5-45-0 (5-3-8-0), (2-0-8-0), (9-2-13-0), (3-0-16-0); Waugh 14-3-40-0 (4-1-20-0), (10-2-20-0).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
*G A Gooch c Border b Matthews	54	-	7	68	42
Mistimed drive to mid-on					
D I Gower c Taylor b Matthews	36	-	3	53	38
High drive to deep mid-off					
W Larkins lbw b Border	0	-	-	2	3
Hitting across line					
A J Stewart run out (Alderman)	7	-	-	10	10
Backing up with ball in fielder's hands					
R A Smith not out	10	-	1	31	27
M A Atherton not out	3	-	-	28	32
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3				
Total (4 wkts, 100 mins, 25 overs)	113				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84 (Gooch 45), 2-84 (Gooch 45), 3-100 (Stewart 7), 4-100 (Smith 0).

BOWLING: Alderman 4-0-29-0 (nb2); Rackemann 3-0-20-0; Matthews 9-2-26-2; Border 9-1-37-1 (one spell each).

Man of the match M A Atherton.

Umpires: A R Crafter and P J McConnell.

RESULT: Match drawn.

FIRST TEST: Australia won by 10 wickets.

SECOND TEST: Australia won by 8 wickets.

TESTS TO COME: Fourth Test: Adelaide, January 24-28. Fifth Test: Perth, February 1-6.

Rafferty's rules hit the laws for six

JOHN WOODCOCK

AS THE International Cricket Council (ICC) assembles in Melbourne to discuss, among other things, the setting up of an international panel of umpires, it does so in the wake of another Test match blemished by controversial decisions.

There must have been a dozen yesterday which were disputed by one side or the other. As has come to happen with increasing regularity in recent years, when spinners are bowling to close-set fields, matters were inflamed by the inordinacy of much of the appealing. In this respect England are no better than Pakistan, who are no worse than Australia.

In putting his faith entirely in Tufnell and Hemmings to win England the game, Gooch disregarded the evidence of history. So often, when the spinners are expected to be the decisive influence on the last day of a match, it is the faster bowlers who swing it.

Now Malcolm, much England's best bowler in Australia's first innings, had to wait for 75 overs before being brought on; this although Hemmings, as on a turning pitch in his only previous Sydney Test match, in 1982-83, was too quick through the air to give himself quite his best chance.

With spin from both ends for four solid hours, and all the propping and copping that goes with it, and all the possible nicks off bat and pad which that means, not to mention the tension which attaches to these occasions, the umpires had a difficult time.

When it is the common practice for batsmen not to walk, as well as to try and look innocent when they are guilty, and for every available fielder to appeal, whether or not he believes the batsman to be out, Rafferty's rules apply.

It is at times like this that one wonders whether it might not be a more satisfactory game if only the bowler and wicketkeeper were allowed to appeal. To some extent that would take the pressure off the umpires. At the moment what they see and hear is a frenzied horde of fielders turning on them while the batsman looks the other way.

Over the five days of this match there were, no doubt, a lot of umpiring errors. As they usually do, they probably affected the two sides equally, though that was small consolation to England yesterday as they fought to achieve what would have been, in the face of Australia's *first innings of 518, a famous* victory.

I am not sure that the case for "neutral" umpires became any stronger. Pakistan would probably have thought so, had they been in England's shoes; but England know well enough that Australian umpires, although they are not often very good, do their best to be impartial. On most of the tours that I have made here that has been so.

Of no less importance for the ICC is the need to restore the over-rate. At even 17 to the hour, rather than 15, this would have been not just a very good match but a memorable one, won, the chances are, by England.

If Gooch's reluctance to bowl Malcolm yesterday, even to the tail-enders, was uninformed, he was seen at his brave and enterprising best when, after tea, he took Gower in with him and between them they shook up the Australians with some brilliant strokes.

It was primarily a gesture, the target being virtually out of reach, but it worked for an hour and lit the way to Adelaide and Perth. As Gower had said on Monday evening, since Saturday, when England plumbed the depths, "the whole atmosphere has changed".

Wasim in line for England A opener

From RICHARD STREETON IN KARACHI

THE England A team could find itself faced by Wasim Akram and Shoaib Mohammad, the Pakistan Test players, when it *opens its tour* against PIA (Pakistan International Airlines) on Friday. Both Wasim and Shoaib are qualified to play in the one-day game but it has not yet been decided whether they should do so.

Hugh Morris, the England captain, was diplomacy personified when asked by a Pakistani reporter whether he had any objection to playing fully fledged Test players. Morris quickly replied: "Of course not. The stronger the opposition, the better experience it is for our young players."

The Pakistan authorities are known to want their own emerging cricketers to gain representative experience against England A and it is unlikely that senior players will feature regularly against Morris's side. The Pakistan tour this month to India, however, is off because of religious disturbances, and the temptation to include local heroes against England to boost gates will be hard to resist.

The visits of New Zealand and West Indies before Christmas caused the Pakistan board and its district association to lose money. For financial reasons several changes to the England programme are now in the pipeline. The third unofficial Test match, arranged for Pesawar from February 13 to 18, has already been switched to Faisalabad.

As Bob Bennett, the Lancashire chairman and tour manager, and Keith Fletcher, the team manager, wait to be informed of the redrafted itinerary, they have rigidly stuck to *the Test and County Cricket* Board's stipulation that 75 overs in a five-hour game must be reached in first-class fixtures.

Meanwhile, Karachi is experiencing its coldest winter for 34 years. It was 4 C at 3am as the England players arrived from London and waited outside the airport in their lightweight uniforms for their coach. By mid-afternoon, though, when the team had a gentle workout, it was sunny and thankfully five times as warm.

Reid ready to test *Australia*

OVERSEAS CRICKET by SIMON WILDE

THE leading players of New Zealand will not be unprepared if they provide the opposition to Australia in the World Series Cup (WSC) finals, which begin on Sunday. Since the last of their WSC qualifying matches three weeks ago, they have been busy at home in the round-robin stages of another 50-over event, the Shell Cup – New Zealand's domestic one-day competition.

The player to benefit most from these games was Richard Reid, the Wellington opening batsman, who struck three successive 90s – each at better than a run per ball – and has won a place in New Zealand's party of 13 for the WSC finals.

Reid, aged 32, and his colleagues will be involved in the finals unless England beat Australia in Melbourne tomorrow and, in the process, raise their run-rate (4.01) above New Zealand's (4.06).

The last of Reid's innings, against Northern Districts on Sunday, was the most spectacular. Wellington, left 166 to win, needed to score the runs in 30 overs to secure a home tie in the semi-finals. Reid (91 not out) and Martin Crowe (65) saw they accomplished this with seven overs to spare. Wellington now meet Auckland, the holders.

The other semi-final will be between Northern Districts and Central Districts, for whom, respectively, Matthew Maynard, of Glamorgan, and Richard Harden, of Somerset, have been in fine form. Maynard scored an unbeaten 101 out of 185 against Auckland.

Graeme Hick, Maynard's predecessor at Northern Districts, continues to have only modest success with Queensland. Scores of 69 and eight against New South Wales in Brisbane took his aggregate to 229 in nine innings this season.

Queensland gained an unexpected win by 110 runs when they dismissed New South Wales on the final day for 156, Hohns taking five for 18. During the match, Geoff Lawson overtook Dennis Lillee as the Sheffield Shield's leading wicket-taker.

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

England batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
D I Gower	3	6	0	347	123	57.83	2	1	1
G A Gooch	2	4	0	191	59	47.75	–	3	2
A J Stewart	3	6	0	195	91	32.50	–	2	2
M A Atherton	3	6	1	140	105	28.00	1	–	5
W Larkins	3	6	0	141	84	23.50	–	2	1
R C Russell	3	5	2	77	30*	19.25	–	–	9/1
G C Small	2	3	1	37	15	18.50	–	–	3
R A Smith	3	6	1	74	30	14.80	–	–	3
A R C Fraser	2	4	0	25	24	6.25	–	–	–
D E Malcolm	3	4	1	12	6	4.00	–	–	–
P C R Tufnell	2	3	3	5	5*	–	–	–	1

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: A J Lamb 32, 14; C C Lewis 20, 14 (1ct); P A J DeFreitas 3,0; E E Hemmings 0 (1ct).

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
C C Lewis	15	0	58	3	19.33	3-29	–	–
A R C Fraser	94	22	197	10	19.70	6-82	1	–
E E Hemmings	73	16	189	6	33.16	3-94	–	–
D E Malcolm	125.5	31	340	10	34.00	4-128	–	–
P C R Tufnell	112	41	254	6	42.33	5-61	1	–
G C Small	64	12	179	4	44.75	3-34	–	–
P A J DeFreitas	41	8	115	2	57.50	2-69	–	–

ALSO BOWLED: G A Gooch 14-3-46-1; M A Atherton 15-2-70-0.

Australia batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
D C Boon	3	5	1	266	97	66.50	–	2	2
G R Marsh	3	6	2	213	79*	53.25	–	2	2
G R J Matthews	3	4	0	194	128	48.50	1	–	–
A R Border	3	4	0	166	78	42.25	–	2	3
M A Taylor	3	6	1	173	97*	34.60	–	2	5
D M Jones	3	4	0	121	50	30.25	–	1	2
I A Healy	3	5	0	132	69	26.40	–	1	12
S R Waugh	3	4	0	82	48	20.50	–	–	1
T M Alderman	3	4	2	27	26*	13.50	–	–	3
M G Hughes	2	2	0	13	9	6.50	–	–	1
C G Rackemann	1	2	0	10	9	5.00	–	–	–
B A Reid	3	4	2	8	5*	4.00	–	–	1

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: C G Rackemann 1, 9.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
B A Reid	128.1	35	320	21	15.23	7-51	2	1
T M Alderman	104.5	25	287	13	22.07	6-47	1	–
M G Hughes	66.1	21	165	7	23.57	3-39	–	–
G R J Matthews	136.0	44	308	7	43.71	3-40	–	–

ALSO BOWLED: A R Border 28-6-82-1; S R Waugh 38-15-80-1; C G Rackemann 26.5-109-0.

The third Test milestones

AUSTRALIA'S first innings total of 518 was their highest against England at Sydney since 1946-7. Greg Matthews's century was his first against England. Devon Malcolm's four for 128 were his best figures against Australia, both he and Gladstone Small taking their fiftieth Test wickets.

England's 469 for eight declared was their best total at Sydney for 25 years; when he reached 12 Graham Gooch became the sixth Englishman to reach 6,000 Test runs; Michael Atherton's third Test 100 was his first against Australia; David Gower's 123 was his eighteenth Test 100.

It was the first time in ten Tests that England had dismissed Australia in both innings.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup

Third-round replays

Wimbledon v Aston Villa (7.45)
Coventry v Wigan
Leeds v Barnsley (7.45)
Nottm Forest v Crystal Palace

Leyland Daf Cup

Preliminary round

Scarborough v Halifax

Preliminary round replay

Swansea v Shrewsbury

First round

Bradford v Hartlepool
Cambridge Utd v Walsall (7.45)
Exeter v Aldershot

Tennents Scottish Cup

Second round

Ross County v Queen of South
Spartans v Cowdenbeath (1.30)

B and Q Scottish League

First division

Meadowbank v Falkirk

Second division

Montrose v Cowdenbeath
Stranraer v Arbroath

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Third round: Redbridge Forest v Wembley.

LARCHMAGE WINDOWS CUP: Third round, second leg *(first-leg score in brackets)*: Barry (0) v Tamworth (0); Cambridge City (2) v Chelmsford (1); Grantham (2) v King's Lynn (2).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (7.00): Chelsea v Fulham; Norwich v Southampton; Oxford Utd v Crystal Palace; Swindon v Reading; Arsenal v West Ham.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00): First division: Blackburn v Manchester Utd; Leeds v Leicester; Sunderland v Newcastle. Second division: Blackpool v Middlesbrough; Bolton v Hull; Grimsby v Preston; Port Vale v Scunthorpe; West Bromwich v Stoke.

IRISH LEAGUE: Roadferry Cup: Ballymena v Chimney Corner; Newry v H and W Welders; Glenavon v University of Ulster, Coleraine.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Cliftonville v Bangor (7.45).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Saltash v Ottery St Mary.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Aldershot v Cambridge; Brentford v Leyton Orient; Colchester v Wycombe.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: London Irish v West London Institute.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Rochdale v Featherstone. Second division: Leigh v Salford; Swinton v Trafford.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Irish Masters, Indoor (Ballymoney).

DARTS: World championship (Frimley Green).

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic (Bournemouth).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: BSB 14.00-15.30: National Football League.

BASKETBALL: Screensport 13.15-14.15 and 23.30-03.00: World Invitation club championship from Crystal Palace.

BOXING: Screensport 08.30-09.30 and 15.30-16.30: Professional events.

CYCLING: Eurosport 14.30-16.00: 1990 review.

EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 16.00-17.00: 1990 review.

EUROSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 18.30-19.00 and 23.00-23.30.

FOOTBALL: BSB 19.30-22.00 and 00.30-02.30: FA Cup.

GOLF: Screensport 18.15-19.15: US PGA.

HANDBALL: Eurosport 13.30-14.30: Women's Polar cup from Norway.

ICE HOCKEY: BSB 18.30-19.30 and Screensport 21.30-22.30: National Hockey League.

KICK BOXING: Screensport 10.00-11.00.

MOTORCYCLING: BSB 16.00-17.00 and 22.30-23.30: Moto cross.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 08.00-09.00, 18.00-19.00 and 20.15-21.30: Motor sport news, Paris to Dakar rally and rallycross from Lydden Hill. Eurosport 01.30-02.00 (tomorrow): Formula One.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 07.00-08.00.

RACING: BSB 13.30-14.00: Racing news.

SKIING: Eurosport 08.00-09.00, 20.00-21.00 and 23.30-01.30: World Cup, and snow report.

SNOOKER: ITV 14.20-15.15 and 22.40-00.30: Mercantile Credit Classic.

SPORTSDESK: BSB 13.25, 15.30, 18.00, 22.00 and midnight.

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 22.00-midnight: Darts: World championship from Frimley Green; Swimming: World championships from Perth; Football: FA Cup.

SWIMMING: Eurosport 09.00-12.30 and 21.00-23.00: World championships from Perth.

TABLE TENNIS: Screensport 11.00-12.00: European Cup.

TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 14.45-15.45: From Finland.

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 19.00-20.00.

VOLLEYBALL: Eurosport 17.00-18.00: General Bank tournament from Brussels.

GOLF

Economy takes toll on Spanish tournament

THE El Bosque open tournament, scheduled to be played in Valencia from February 14 to 17, has fallen victim to the recession (Mitchell Platts writes). Ken Schofield, the secretary of the PGA European Tour, said: "Despite strong and continuous efforts by our promoter partners, Proserv, and ourselves, we have not been able to secure sufficient sponsorship in the Valencia region to stage this year's tournament. It is hoped the event may be reintroduced in 1992."

While the economic climate across Europe is causing some concern to golf officials, Schofield is immersed in talks regarding the Desert Classic, which is set to raise the curtain on the season at the Emirates Club, Dubai, from February 7 to 10. If the situation in the Gulf is not resolved, then the tournament is likely to be rescheduled, although Schofield will delay taking any decision until after January 15.

The 1991 European Tour, sponsored by Volvo, will have a prize fund of about £20 million. That is still likely to be the case following the announcement of the $2.5 *million Johnnie Walker* world championship, which is an approved special event to be played at Tryall, Jamaica, from December 19 to 22.

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TENNIS

Agassi let off with a fine for breach of grand slam code

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

ANDRE Agassi has escaped the suspension that seemed certain to put him out of at least one grand slam this year. Instead he has been fined the maximum of $25,000 by the International Tennis Federation for withdrawing from the Grand Slam Cup in Munich last December in breach of the grand slam code of conduct.

Under that code, the American could have been suspended from one or more grand slams for "aggravated behaviour" but the fact that he had belatedly said he would play after all before finally pulling out with injury persuaded the Grand Slam Committee, consisting of the four grand slam chairmen, and its administrator, Bill Babcock, to wag the finger rather than wave the red card.

"Suspension would have been wholly justified had Agassi done nothing to put things right," Babcock said. "The fact that an injury, confirmed by three doctors, intervened to prevent his participation does not detract from his attempt to cure the original breach of commitment. The unusual events over the last six weeks have diverted attention away from a simple case of a player withdrawing without good cause."

Agassi had originally signed to play in the inaugural $6 million event, but had pulled out a few days before he won the ATP tour finals in Frankfurt in mid-November. He said at the time that he did not want to deceive the public into thinking the Grand Slam Cup was a big event when it was not.

The ITF's decision, which comes a few days after Agassi said he would be playing Wimbledon for the first time since 1987, will be seen by many as a climbdown and a reflection of a continuing lack of unity among the heads of the grand slam, who were initially thought to favour suspension in principle but not from their own tournaments in practice.

But this must, in the end, be the best and most logical decision for the game, if not, ironically, for Agassi himself. It removes the danger of open warfare breaking out between the ITF and the ATP, whose champion Agassi is in every sense.

The problem, however, highlighted the inadequate structure of the penalties. A $25,000 fine seems ludicrously small in these multi-million dollar days, but suspension, the next step, would have been too severe a punishment for a 20-year-old who does not know his own mind and cannot rely on those around him to advise him sensibly. In future, the financial penalty for similar offences has been increased to $250,000.

Agassi can count himself lucky. His decision to play, announced at the Davis Cup final, was based on more of the threat of a lawsuit than a change of heart towards the cup. The ITF had already taken the decision not to allow him back into the tournament before the rib injury which put Agassi out for six weeks.

When the validity of that injury was called into question by an American journalist, who reputedly overheard a conversation between Agassi and his brother, Philip, in a pancake house during the Davis Cup, the whole saga left the realms of fact and touched fiction.

Rightly, the ITF has ignored such peripheries; yet, like McEnroe before him, Agassi has to understand that he is not above the game. McEnroe discovered that only when he was defaulted from last year's Australian Open. Agassi, it is hoped, will be a quicker learner.

Early exit for Lendl

SYDNEY — Ivan Lendl, suffering from a pulled stomach muscle, yesterday retired from his first-round match against Wally Masur in the New South Wales Open (Barry Wood writes).

Conceding the match 6-2, 6-7, Lendl, the No. 1 seed, said he was confident of being fit for the Australian Open in Melbourne next week. He is the defending champion. "It was reasonably painful when I was serving but wasn't affecting anything else and I feel it will clear up in a couple of days."

Jo Durie strove in vain to overcome the American, Patty Fendick, but lost 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 in a match lasting nearly two hours. In the final set, she recovered from 0-4 to 4-4 only to drop her serve.

RESULTS: Men: First round: F Santoro (Fr) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 7-6, 6-2; R Krajicek (Neth) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-3, 6-2; A Manadorf (Ger) bt M Coevermans (Neth), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt M Larsson (Swe), 6-2, 7-5; W Masur (Aus) bt I Lendl (Cz), 2-6, 7-6, ret. Women: First round: R Fairbank-Nideffer (US) bt B Schultz (Neth), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; C Cunningham (US) bt M Bollegraf (Neth), 7-6, 6-4; T Whatlinger (US) bt G Magers (US), 6-4, 6-3; K Rinaldi (US) bt R White (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Deschaume (Fr) bt L Smylie (Aus), 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; P Langrova (Cz) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; S Appelmans (Bel) bt G Fernandez (US), 6-2, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt J Durie (GB), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

No laughing matter for Mason

IAN STEWART



Bespectacled behemoth: Mason foresees a night out for sadists on March 6

'Fatty' gives Lewis lean time

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

GARY Mason, who has already been surprised once in the verbal preliminaries to his bout with Lennox Lewis, Britain's other heavyweight with world aspirations, does not intend to be caught out again when they meet on March 6 at Wembley Arena.

Mason and his manager, Mickey Duff, were sure that Lewis, who has had only 15 contests, would take fright and pull out of the bout against the British champion who is unbeaten in 35 contests. Instead, Lewis returned the contract signed in 48 hours.

Just before talking to Lewis in Canada over a transatlantic link-up, Mason promised to make Lewis pay for his impudence. "Only sadists will buy tickets because of what I am going to do to him," Mason said. "While I was out of action Lewis called me 'fatty' and that upset not just me, but also my mum. I am going into this fight to enjoy it.

"Unlike media criticism, I can do something about what he has said — and get paid for it. Slow as I look and out of condition as I seem, it has not stopped me winning and this fight has got my back up. I've been worked up for other fights but this is a stage further."

Lewis, who will be going to Los Angeles to prepare for the bout, parried the bluster with a neat sidestep. "Gary is a joker," he said. "Gary, you mean you are going to *try* to knock me out." Then he added: "I am going to introduce him to heavyweight class. For me the fight with Gary Mason has come at the right time. I'm going to use him as a stepping-stone."

Duff, while admitting that he had wanted to sign Lewis after the Seoul Olympics, said that Lewis, despite winning the European title, had shown little improvement. "I chased Lewis when he was about to turn professional because he was a very good prospect, but I don't think he is ready for this and I was delightfully surprised when the contracts were signed." Duff predicted: "Before 1991 is out, Gary will fight for the world title."

It was just the stuff to give the troops. With each man receiving £150,000, and with 13,000 seats from £20 to £100 to be sold, the punters are bound to receive more of the same in the weeks ahead.

Ickx is looking for consistency on the road to Dakar

From DAVID CHAPPELL IN AGADEZ, NIGER

WHEN Jacky Ickx finished runner-up in the world Formula One drivers' championship in 1969 *and* 1970, there were those who doubted he had the consistency to be champion.

In fact, he never became world champion but eight grand prix victories, a record six Le Mans triumphs and a win in the Paris-Dakar Rally are testimony to his enduring qualities. Now, aged 46, Ickx may be in the twilight of his career, but he is rally raiding across the desert and determined to give the Camel Citroen team a winning first appearance in the Dakar.

"I was lucky enough to be interested in rally raiding," he said. "It's a new type of competition, only ten or 11 years old. I think the motivation was great and, personally, I find the country very attractive. In 1981, I had the opportunity to learn something new. I didn't know anything about the rally world."

Ickx, born in Belgium but a resident of Monaco for the last ten years, has proved an eager learner. In 1983, he won the Dakar; he has finished second twice and in the leading six on two other occasions.

But as he and Ari Vatanen led the train of Citroens through the Sahara, Ickx knew the event had become harder to win. "The difference is that, eight years ago, the Mercedes we were using was basically a production vehicle. We put plastic doors on it, a bigger fuel tank, roll cage and toughened the front and rear axles, and that was it. Now you need a real prototype.

"Each year, the stages become a little bit harder. We use a compass and it's more and more off-road. Also, the speed has increased a lot. In 1983, I think the top speed of a vehicle was maybe 155kph [about 96mph]. But that was flat out in rallying. Now cruising, most of the time you are at 160kph, everywhere."

It is a totally different world to that which Ickx frequented in his Formula One and world sports car championship days. "The type of racing I used to do was a clinical type of racing, where everything was clean, neat and done properly," he said. "Here, you have to be able to repair your car on the track as quick as you can because, in the Dakar, losing half an hour is nothing."

When Citroen encountered transmission problems on the Rally of the Pharoahs in November, Ickx and his co-driver, Christian Tarin, replaced six half-shafts. "We were able to do it fairly quickly," he said.

He clearly relished his days under the burning sun and nights under canvas. "That's nice. You can see three times more stars here than in London or Paris, for example, because when it's a bit cold it's so dark. It's nice to reach Senegal and the finish but it's back to civilisation and that's very hard."

With time to reflect as the mechanics pored over his ZX, after another demanding stage of the Dakar — which crosses five African countries and 5,000 miles of desert — the end of Ickx's career is becoming more than just a mirage.

"It will reach an end soon because I'm 46," he said. "I'm lucky enough to still be competitive. I would be surprised if I'm doing it at 50 because I'm not a maniac."

His relaxed approach is reflected in his casual dress when rallying. Forsaking the bright yellow overalls of his team-mates, Ickx dons the Camel team short-sleeved shirt and light trousers.

"When I started, it was the time of Jim Clark and all those people and we used to race in each type of class," he said. "I think today we can say in a way we were straight amateurs; professional but amateurs. Sponsoring didn't exist really; we could race a Lotus Cortina one weekend, do 1,000 kilometres in a GT40 another weekend, a grand prix the next weekend. We could drive all sorts of cars and we had a good time."

He is still enjoying himself after 30 years in motor sport. But if he is to topple his Citroen colleague, Vatanen, as king of the desert, he will need to be consistent on the hard road to Dakar.

RESULTS: Tenth stage: Cars: 1, A Vatanen (Fin), Citroen ZX, 1hr 23min 11sec penalties; 2, J-P Fontenay (Fr), Mitsubishi Pajero, at 33sec; 3, J Ickx (Bel), Citroen ZX, 56; 4, P Lartigue (Fr), Mitsubishi Pajero, 1min 08sec; 5, P Tambay (Fr), Lada Samara, 17:41; 6, E Weber (Ger), Mitsubishi Pajero, 33:39; 7, Vismara (It), Range Rover, 50:35; 8, B Waldegaard (Swe), Citroen ZX, 53:42; 9, J Bouchet (Fr), Nissan Terrano, 54:44; 10, G Colsoul (Bel), Mitsubishi Pajero, 58:18. Overall positions: 1, Vatanen, 10hr 54min 07sec; 2, Ickx, at 39min 26sec; 3, Fontenay, 1hr 55min 40sec; 4, Waldegaard, 2:00:48; 5, A Ambrosino (Fr), Citroen ZX, 4:24:59; 6, Lartigue, 4:50:12; 7, Bouchet, 6:09:00; 8, K Seppi (It), Nissan, 7:58:13; 9, Tambay, 8:13:04; 10, A Sarrazin (Fr), Toyota, 8:29:05. Motorcycles: 1, S Peterhansel (Fr), Yamaha, 5hr 32min 26sec; 2, G Picard (Fr), Yamaha, at 24min 44sec; 3, A De Petri (It), Yamaha, 27:12; 4, G Rahier (Bel), Suzuki, 30:12; 5, J Arcarons (Sp), Cagiva, 30:51; 6, B Pascual (Fr), Yamaha, 31:59.

BASKETBALL

Kingston search for revival

By NICHOLAS HARLING

STRAWS have to be grasped at when your club is bottom of the final pool of the European Champions' Cup without a win in three games — and Kevin Cadle is certainly grasping at them. "Basically we are still only one defeat down," the Kingston coach said before taking his players to France for tonight's tie against Limoges.

"I know we have to take a game on the road," Cadle said, "and this is a good week to start. Leverkusen won in Limoges and we must do the same."

The fact that the French club are in a similar plight to Kingston, after three defeats, gives Cadle hope that his Carlsberg League leaders can make up lost ground by atoning for their home defeat against the holders, Pop 84 Split.

The fitness of Martin Clark is one of Cadle's most pressing concerns. Clark's right heel took the brunt of a collision with Willie Sims in Tel Aviv and the England international is likely to be anything but fully mobile on a night when he, and Kingston, need to be at their sharpest. Otherwise they can say adieu to the competition, whatever Cadle might suggest to the contrary.

SPORTS POLITICS

Sports Council is after active role

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Sports Council wants prior consultation and even to be involved in the selection of venues when Britain bids for international events such as the Olympic Games and world championships.

Peter Yarranton, the chairman of the government-financed quango, said yesterday that the council was "flexing its muscles" and was not "a talking shop any more".

The stiffening in the council's attitude comes as London and Manchester prepare to put their cases to be the British candidate for the 2000 Olympic Games — and as the council felt obliged to spend £3 million on Sheffield's staging the 1991 World Student Games.

In future, the Sports Council also wants a "more rational approach to the building of international-standard facilities", and it would like them to be in a few large cities.

It is debatable whether the Sports Council has, or should have, this power; these decisions might be better left to the government, and particularly the minister for sport, who could have more direct control over the allocation of resources.

The council has decided to become selective in its allocation of grants to national governing bodies. At present, it hands over £8 million to nearly 100 organisations covering 70 activities. David Pickup, the director general, said that the funding had grown up with "no rationale" and that the council will be looking at what criteria should be employed.

The council is establishing a UK Sports Medicine Institute at the Medical College of St Bart's Hospital in London. This will co-ordinate the promotion of sports medicine through education programmes, research into injuries, the development of an accredited network of sports injury clinics and the co-ordination of an overall administrative structure.

More than £135,000 will be given during 1991-2 towards the development of sports medicine and the setting up of the institute. The new body will take over the responsibilities of the London Sports Medicine Institute, which has been at St Bart's since 1985.

The establishment of the institute has aroused controversy in sports medicine, leading to institutional and personal jealousies. However, Pickup said yesterday that there was now a "considerable measure of accord with the principal movers in the game".

SQUASH RACKETS

Parke on a different plane

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

SIMON Parke's conclusive victory in the NatWest British Open Under-19 championship, at Lambs Club, London, 9-7, 9-6 9-0 in 49 minutes over Paul Johnson, of Kent, in Monday's final celebrated a junior career of exceptional quality. Others are plainly already in pursuit, however.

Paul Hargrave, of Derbyshire, removed both top seeds, Stafford Murray and Marcus Berrett, to claim the under-16 title with a display of sustained power rarely seen in a player of such youth, winning the final 9-4, 9-0, 1-9, 9-1 in 45 minutes.

Ahmed Barada, of Egypt, took the 52-minute under-14 final away from the top seed, Marcus Cowie, of Norfolk, 9-7, 9-4, 9-5 in such style that spectators left the court comparing his movement to that of Gamal Awad, his racket work to that of Abbas Kaoud and his court demenour to that of Abou Taleb.

Barada was the brightest prospect in a combined 192-strong field of high teenage talents. Aged 13, he trains in Cairo with Abdel Aziz, and in London with Abbas Kapud, and offers for the first time in several years the potential to impose once again that delicate blend of racket artistry and physical elasticity with which Egyptians once ruled the squash world.

But Parke, aged 18, from Yorkshire, stood alone at the head of the pre-senior ranks. Already world junior champion, he returned to reclaim the Drysdale Cup that he won in 1989 but lost in last year's final to Peter Marshall.

The last of the English generation that dominated international junior squash over the past few years, he was obviously operating on a different level to all in the Under-19 championship except Johnson, who at least could make him work for victory.

At this stage it is difficult to see the English player who might replace him next year on the long list of illustrious Drysdale winners. A Finn, a Malaysian or a German might seem more likely.

That the historic trophy will return to English tenure seems guaranteed, though, by the quality maturing in the lower age groups.

Young Barada will need to apply himself diligently over the next few years if he is to resist the English challenge and become the first Egyptian to carry his country's colours away from the unofficial Under-14 championship to the most coveted under-19 trophy in the game.

RESULTS OF FINALS: Under 19: S Parke (Yorkshire) bt P Johnson (Kent), 9-7, 9-6, 9-0.

ATHLETICS

Durham given backing

BRENDAN Foster, organiser of the Durham international cross-country meeting, informed the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) yesterday that he would like his event to become part of the governing body's World Cross Challenge series next winter (David Powell writes). It is part of the Foster plan to establish Durham as Britain's showpiece annual cross country.

Foster's proviso is that his event's inclusion does not squeeze out the long-standing Mallusk meeting in Northern Ireland. World Cross Challenge rules restrict each IAAF member federation — in this case Britain — to one meeting.

Durham's prospects look good after Jon Wigley, the IAAF's managing director of competitions, suggested yesterday that the rule, which has not been enforced in this inaugural season, would probably be changed.

"I would welcome both Belfast [Mallusk] and Durham because they are quality competitions and would enchance the circuit," Wigley said. In considering which nations might be awarded two events, he said: "Those which have given the best support to the world championships over the years." Britain would be high on that list.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/P	Runs to resort	Weather + temp (5pm) °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	55	110	good	powder	good	fine -5	7/1
Excellent skiing on and off piste							
St Anton	30	120	good	powder	icy	fine -1	8/1
Excellent skiing on middle and upper slopes							
Schladming	10	75	good	heavy	worn	sun 2	7/1
All lifts open with excellent skiing on upper pistes							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	100	250	good	powder	good	fine 0	7/1
Excellent conditions							
Flaine	51	200	good	varied	good	fine 0	7/1
Excellent piste skiing on well prepared runs							
La Plagne	110	200	good	heavy	good	sun -2	7/1
Excellent piste skiing. Avalanche danger							
Les Arcs	85	292	good	powder	good	fine -2	7/1
Excellent conditions							
Megève	37	145	good	powder	fair	fine 1	7/1
Excellent conditions							
Val d'Isère	127	160	good	powder	good	fine -6	7/1
Excellent skiing							
ITALY							
Cervinia	80	250	good	powder	good	fine 0	7/1
Excellent condition							
Courmayeur	80	250	good	crust	good	fine 1	7/1
Excellent condition							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	75	280	good	varied	good	fine 2	7/1
Excellent snow after heavy falls							
Davos	40	110	good	varied	poor	sun 1	7/1
Excellent skiing conditions on all upper runs							
Mürren	40	100	good	varied	icy	fine 0	6/1
Excellent skiing							
Saas Fee	100	220	good	powder	good	fine -2	7/1
Perfect runs. No queues							
St Moritz	70	150	good	varied	good	fine -2	4/1
Pistes in very good condition							
Verbier	10	200	good	powder	fair	fine 3	7/1
Excellent skiing on and off piste							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

NORWAY	L	U
Geilo	65	70
Hemsedal	80	60
Hovden	90	90
Lillehammer	90	90
Voss	85	100

● Information supplied by the Norwegian National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 1,500ft. Runs: upper, middle and lower, complete. Access roads open, some snow; one chairlift open; six tows open. Glenshee: snow level, 1,000ft; vertical runs, 1,000ft. Runs: upper and lower, all complete. Access roads open; two chairlifts open; sixteen tows open. Lecht: snow level, 1,000ft; vertical runs, 700ft. Runs: main, all complete; ample nursery areas. Access roads open; all tows open. Glencoe: snow level, 1,000ft; vertical runs, 2,800ft. Access roads open, but difficult; chairlifts and tows closed. Aonach Mor: snow level, sea level; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper and lower, all complete. Access roads passable; one chairlift open; three tows open.

Forecast: Further snow showers over all resorts today, with some brighter periods by afternoon. Freezing levels at 1,500ft. Winds starting light south-westerly, increasing as the day progresses. Outlook: Prolonged snow will cross the country tonight, continuing tomorrow and Friday.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

COLCHESTER: Essex cross-country league: Men: D Mead (Norfolk Olympiads), 30min 45sec. Team: Colchester.

SOUTHERN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: 60m: J Livingston (Croydon), 8.9sec. Shot: N Brunning (Cambridge Hi), 17.74m. Women: 60m: S Farquharson (Croydon), 7.7sec. 60m hurdles: Farquharson, 8.55sec.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Dallas Mavericks 86, New Jersey Nets 87 (OT); Orlando Magic 111, Sacramento Kings 83; San Antonio Spurs 111, Philadelphia 76ers 102 (OT); Phoenix Suns 118, Minnesota Timberwolves 106.

BOBSLEIGHING

WINTERBERG, Germany: Women's race: 1, Britain (C Walker and T Bellin), 2min 5.03sec.

CRESTA RUN

NIKO BURNA CUP: 1, C Bartschinger (Switz), 129.83; 2, G Pfisch (Switz), 130.22; 3, F Gansser (Switz), 131.29. British placing: 6, B Sunday.

FAIRCHILDS MacCARTHY HANDICAP: 1, P-C Mathis (Switz), 116.19; 2, M Hohner (Ger), 117.52; 3, P Scacchi (Switz), 118.92. British placings: 13, Lord Wrottesley.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 377-7 dec and 120 (S F Lawson 4-31, M R Whitney 4-32); New South Wales 231-5 dec and 155 (S B Smail 67; T V Hohns 5-18, C J McDermott 4-32). Queensland won by 110 runs.

CURRIE CUP: Pietermaritzburg: Eastern Province 267-8 dec and 174-6 dec (M Venter 51, D Richardson 51 not out); Natal 182 and 353-3. Match drawn. Verwoerdburg: Western Province 142 and 395 (C Matthews 105); Northern Transvaal 238 and 273-2 (M Yachet 115, M Rindel 115 not out). Northern Transvaal won by 8 wickets. Johannesburg: Free State 254 and 245-5 dec (L Wilkinson 76); Transvaal 253-7 dec and 172-6. Match drawn.

RED STRIPE CUP: Port of Spain: Trinidad and Tobago 288 and 186 (S G Lara 71); Leeward Islands 308. Match drawn.

QAID-I-AZAM TROPHY: Karachi: Whites 308-5 dec (Aamir Hanif 79, Ghulam Ali 56); Peshawar 155 (Shahid Mahboob 8-62) and 134 (Athar Laeeq 8-50). Karachi Whites won by an innings and 20 runs.

RUGBY FIVES

WEST OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS' COMPETITIONS: Open: Singles: J Nelmes (Clifton) bt H Akerman (Blundell's), 11-2, 11-2. Doubles: Nelmes and G Rose (Clifton) bt Akerman and S Harbertight (Blundell's), 11-5, 11-2. Colts: Singles: G Rose (Clifton) bt P Chopra (Merchant Taylors'), 11-9, 11-7. Doubles: W Batemen and S Cavanagh (Clifton) bt C Lawson and M Dancona (St Dunstan's), 12-10, 7-11, 12-11.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN: Embassy world professional championship: Second round: P Taylor (Staffs) bt T Payne (US), 3-1; D Priestley (Yorks) bt B Stinnesve (Can), 3-0; B Anderson (Surrey) bt R Stewart (Aus), 3-2; A Warriner (Lancs) bt K Sullivan (Aus), 3-2.

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Third Round Replay: Postponed: Swindon v Leyton Orient; Plymouth v Middlesbrough; Rotherham v Swansea.

LEYLAND DAF CUP: Preliminary round: Postponed: Brandon v Leyton Orient. First round: Postponed: Doncaster v Scunthorpe; Wigan v Rochdale; York v Bury.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Postponed: Stafford v Barnet.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Queen's Park Rangers 3, Wimbledon 1. Postponed: Charlton v Brighton; Watford v Portsmouth.

ROADFERRY LEAGUE CUP: First round: Postponed: Larne v Dungannon Swifts; Omagh Town v Limavady Utd.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Postponed: Woking v Tooting and Mitcham.

Late results on Monday

FA CUP: Third round: Manchester United 2, Queen's Park Rangers 1.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second round replay: East Fife 1, Inverness Thistle 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Newcastle 1, West Bromwich Albion 2, Orient 1, Birmingham City 2.

LARKHIRAGE WINDOWS CUP: Third round, first leg: Salisbury 1, Dorchester 1. Second leg: Hednesford 1, Burton 3 (agg: 2-5); Worcester 0, Trowbridge 1 (agg: 0-3).

LOCTITE TROPHY: First round: Ruislip Manor 2, Rainham 0.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Croydon 1, Whyteleafe 2.

BUCKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Wokingham 1, Reading 5.

HPS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Third round replay: Bishop Auckland 3, Bridlington 0.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 18.81pts avge; 2, N Faldo (GB), 18.54; 3, J-M Olazabal (Sp), 17.22; 4, I Woosnam (GB), 15.47; 5, P Stewart 12.53; 6, T Kite 11.19; 7, P Azinger 10.86; 8, S Ballesteros (Sp), 10.15; 9, M McNulty (Zim), 10.06; 10, F Couples, 9.93.

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: Bassetman Indoor League: Senior division: Surbiton 14, Wimbledon 0; Khalsa 9, Hounslow 8; Surbiton 8, Southgate 11; Wimbledon 4, Khalsa 14; Southgate 15, Hounslow 2; Surbiton 10, Hounslow 11; Wimbledon 3, Southgate 17; Khalsa 9, Surbiton 12; Hounslow 14, Wimbledon 4; Khalsa 8, Southgate 22.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Munster Schools 9, Australian Schoolboys 14 (in Cork).

SQUASH RACKETS

LAMBS CLUB: British Open championships: Under-14 final: A Barada (Eg) bt M Cowie (Norfolk), 9-7, 9-4, 9-5. Under-16 final: P Hargrave (Derbys) bt M Berrett (Yorks), 9-4, 9-0, 1-9, 9-1.

TENNIS

AUCKLAND: New Zealand Open championships: First round: J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt B Steven (NZ), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2; C Adams (US) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-2, 6-1; J Yzaga (Peru) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-2, 7-6; L Mattar (Br) bt D Engel (Swe), 0-6, 7-6, 6-4; O Camporese (It) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-2, 6-3; L Jonsson (Swe) bt M Sinner (Ger), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; P Kuelman (Ger) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-2, 6-4; M Vajda (Cz) bt R Weiss (US), 6-1, 6-3.

ATP: Rankings: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 3,889; 2, B Becker (Ger), 3,525; 3, I Lendl (Cz), 2,581; 4, A Agassi (US), 2,399; 5, P Sampras (US), 1,899; 6, A Gómez (Ec), 1,680; 7, T Muster (Austria), 1,551; 8, G Ivanisevic (Yug), 1,514; 9, E Sánchez (Sp), 1,487; 10, B Gilbert (US), 1,451.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 6, Winnipeg Jets 2 (OT); New York Rangers 3, Philadelphia Flyers 2.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British under-24 championship: Semi-finals: M Hue Williams bt G Devereux, 15-6, 15-8, 15-2; T Cockroft bt S Davies, 15-6, 3-15, 10-15, 17-15, 18-4. Final: Cockroft bt Hue Williams, 16-14, 11-15, 15-1, 8-15, 15-8.

REAL TENNIS

CANFORD: George Wingfield British professional doubles championship: Men's final: C Lumley and C Bray bt K King and A Phillips, 6-1, 5-6, 6-1. Women's final: P Fellowes and A Garside bt L Ronaldson and G Dean, 6-2, 6-1.

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON SPA: Cogset Elliot fathers and sons handicap championships: Quarter-finals: J and A Page bt W and R Triggs, 8-0; B and T Granville bt P and G King, 6-2; M and W Fairbarns bt S and A Fawcus, 5-1; G and B Hayward bt N and M Hyde, 5-2. Semi-finals: Pages bt Granvilles, 8-5; Haywards bt Fairbarns, 6-4. Final: Pages bt Haywards, 6-5.

Blockley's post

Essex County Cricket Club has appointed Christopher Blockley, aged 51, as its marketing manager. Blockley, who has been associated with Woodford Wells CC for many years, succeeds Bernard Chatterley, who left the county last month.

YACHTING

Record level of interest in round-world race

By BARRY PICKTHALL

A RECORD 42 syndicates from as far afield as Japan and the Soviet Union have registered their intent to compete in the sixth Whitbread Round the World Race in 1993, and with many more skippers waiting in the wings for sponsorship before placing their initial £500 deposit, the organisers may be forced to impose a limit on entries.

Ian Bailey Willmot, the race director, expressed delight yesterday at the level of interest so early in the programme at the conclusion of a two-day conference in London to brief skippers and sponsors on the many revisions made to the rules.

Most of the changes drawn up to tighten compliance with the rules and safety standards have been well received. The one concern is that the Offshore Racing Council, the governing body of the sport, may change the measurement rules relating to ketch rigs next November, penalising those who begin building this year.

"It won't be the first time a bombshell like that has landed in our lap and the prospect does concern us," Bailey Willmot said. "But there is very little we can do about it now.

The Royal Naval Sailing Association, the race organiser, has also agreed to look again at the new sponsorship rules designed to limit tobacco advertising and a limit may be imposed on the number of crew sailing on the maxis, to ensure that numbers do not grow purely to improve ballast.

● David Cowper, the round-the-world yachtsman who last year completed the first solo circumnavigation via the frozen North West Passage, was voted yachtsman of the year yesterday.

RUGBY UNION

Crossan delays return

TREVOR Ringman's Irish international record for a wing threequarter will survive for at least another six weeks (George Ace writes). Keith Crossan, the Instonian left wing who equalled Ringman's 34 appearances last October when he played against Argentina, will not be considered for the match against France at Lansdowne Road on February 2, the team for which will be announced on Monday.

Crossan has delayed his comeback until Saturday week, in a match against Bective Rangers, after receiving a small bone fracture in his leg last November. "I am unable to go flat out, although I feel grand and my leg is fine," he said. "It will take another week." Ken Reid, chairman of selectors, said it would be foolhardy to take chances.

IN BRIEF

Decathlon ambitions

ONE of Britain's leading long jumpers, John King, is to switch to the decathlon, an event in which he expects to be more successful. He is confident of exceeding 8,000 points, which no Briton has achieved since 1988.

King, of the Wolverhampton and Bilston club, made an encouraging start on Sunday when winning the Southern indoor multi-events title with 3,559pts from five disciplines.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Philadelphia Eagles will not offer a new contract to Buddy Ryan, who has coached the club for five seasons.

BOXING: Tom Collins, aged 35, of Leeds, will defend his European light-heavyweight title against the Dutchman, Alex Blanchard, in Rotterdam on February 12.

● Kid Milo, of Birmingham, who pressed the new World Boxing Organisation middleweight champion, Chris Eubank, close in a title clash last September, is to meet Lou Cafaro, of Australia, for the vacant WBC International crown at the Midland Sporting Club, Solihull, on January 23.

BOWLS: Dorothy Ellis, president of the International Women's Bowling Board from 1977-81, died a Bath hospital on Sunday, aged 93.

RUGBY UNION: The Australian schoolboys completed the Irish section of their tour with their unbeaten record intact, beating Munster Schools 14-9 in Cork.

CYCLING: Professional cyclists will not compete in the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, their governing body, FICP, has decided.

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Talbot pays price for Cup upset

By CHRIS MOORE

WEST Bromwich Albion yesterday dismissed their manager, Brian Talbot, in the wake of their embarrassing FA Cup defeat by the non-League side, Woking, last weekend.

The decision to part company with the former England international, aged 37, and his first-team coach, Sam Allardyce, was taken during a three-and-a-half-hour board meeting on Monday, but because Talbot had travelled to Newcastle with the club's youth team that night, it was not made public until after he had been informed by John Silk, the chairman of the club, early yesterday.

"There is no way I would have told him over the phone, which was the reason for the delay," Silk said. "To lose 4-2 at home to Woking was a horrendous result for the club and left us with no other course of action but to relieve Brian Talbot of his job.

"It was a black day in our history and was felt by each and every director. Don't forget, directors are fans as well, and it hurt them as much as it did our supporters.

"We're all sorry it didn't work out for Brian, and I am sure that in time he will make a very good manager. But the directors were unanimous that it was in the best interests of this club that we had to take this action."

Talbot had been in charge for 27 months, initially as a player-manager, since succeeding Ron Atkinson. His contract had 18 months to run. Despite his obvious disappointment, he could hardly have made a more dignified departure yesterday.

"Everyone was frustrated and upset over what happened against Woking, none more so than myself," he said. "It was a desperately disappointing day but when things like that happen in football you have to accept the consequences.

"Other managers have been sacked from their first job and still made a success of their careers. It happened to my old boss, Bobby Robson, who went on to manage England. So I am still confident of my own ability."

He added: "At least I can hold my head up high and honestly say that I put everything I could into the job over the last two years. I couldn't have done any more.

"There is a very good foundation here and I don't think it will take much to turn things round. The seeds have been sown and now it's up to someone else to finish the job. I'm sad it won't be me but I sincerely wish whoever takes over the very best of luck."

Albion will be advertising for a replacement and in the interim have handed control of playing affairs to Stuart Pearson, the former England and Manchester United forward.

Among the names already linked with the vacancy are the former Midlands managers, Bobby Gould, the new assistant manager at Queen's Park Rangers, and Jim Smith, of Newcastle. The recent records of John Rudge, of Port Vale, Neil Warnock, of Notts County, and Alan Buckley, of Grimsby, are also understood to have been under attention at The Hawthorns.

● Portsmouth's FA Cup fourth-round match against Bournemouth at Fratton Park on January 26 has been made all-ticket on police instructions.



Manager's marching orders: Talbot leaves The Hawthorns after the announcement of his dismissal yesterday

Major's stance sees him on a sticky wicket

By JOHN GOODBODY

UNWITTINGLY, John Major is in the centre of a dispute in his favourite sport of cricket because of his support for Cricket 2000, a commercial organisation that operates outside the governing body of the game.

The prime minister is a patron of Cricket 2000, a limited company based in Bath that is planning to organise overseas tours by schools to encourage young cricketers. The prime minister showed his support by attending a dinner in his constituency as president of the Huntingdonshire Cricket Foundation, which recently became the tenth body affiliated to Cricket 2000.

The prime minister praised Cricket 2000, saying it would provide "lots of success for young men and – who knows? – in due course, young women".

However, the Cricket Council, the governing body, will consider on February 5 a report from the National Cricket Association (NCA), the organisation for the recreational game. This recommends that Cricket 2000 should not get the support of the council because it feels that it is inappropriate to give support and recognition to a commercial enterprise.

The prime minister has been sent a letter by the English Schools Cricket Association (Esca), an affiliate of the NCA, which says Cricket 2000's claims to encourage more children to play the game are "unfounded".

Esca claims that the enterprise, run by Peter Downey, a businessman, and Eric Russell, the former Middlesex and England player, is undermining the work of voluntary organisations.

Roger Truelove, the treasurer of Esca and prospective parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Democrats at Faversham, Kent, says in the letter to the prime minister: "We are not at all convinced that their organisation has any part to play in regenerating schools cricket."

Truelove said it has been stated that more youngsters play the game in Bath, where Cricket 2000 is based. "However," he adds, "we found that far from new recruits being attracted to the game, the boys involved were from cricket-playing schools and most have represented sides organised by Esca."

Truelove said Cricket 2000 tours discriminate against youngsters who do not have money for the trips.

Withe is back with Villa

By DENNIS SHAW

PETER Withe, whose goal won the European Cup for Aston Villa against Bayern Munich in 1982, makes his return to the club today as it prepares to face Wimbledon in an FA Cup third-round replay at Plough Lane.

Withe, aged 39, rejoins the club he also led to the first-division championship as replacement for John Ward, who has left his job as assistant to Jozef Venglos, the Villa manager, by "mutual agreement".

The appointment is the first change behind the scenes at Villa Park since Venglos, the former World Cup coach of Czechoslovakia, succeeded Graham Taylor in the summer. Withe recently held a coaching position at Huddersfield Town, of the third division.

"I have read through a book about the club's past "greats" so I was very aware of the feelings Peter would have about Villa," Venglos said. "He made several appearances for England, played for many clubs and has experience both as a coach and and as an assistant manager, but it was at Villa where he enjoyed his greatest days.

"I know just how deeply committed a player who gets success at a club becomes, and how important it is to go back as a coach, because it happened to me in Czechoslovakia with Slovan Bratislava. Peter will work with the first team and will make an important contribution, beginning with the Wimbledon replay."

Withe, who also won a first-division championship winner's medal with Nottingham Forest, made 232 first-team appearances for Villa, scoring 90 goals, and won 11 England caps.

Venglos will name his team to face Wimbledon after fitness checks on Derek Mountfield and Stuart Gray, but David Platt will definitely play having "99 per cent" recovered from a groin strain.

Ivo Stas, Venglos's only signing, from Banik Ostrava, of Czechoslovakia, is still a long way from being fit for his first game for the club because of Achilles tendon trouble. He sees a specialist later this week and could be advised to undergo surgery.

Ray Harford, the Wimbledon manager, expects to name an unchanged side, although Aiden Newhouse, a forward, and Gary Elkins, a defender, have been added to his squad.

Forest severely weakened

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, is again denied the services of five senior members of his first-team squad for the FA Cup third-round replay with Crystal Palace at the City Ground tonight.

Steve Hodge, Franz Carr, Nigel Jemson, Terry Wilson and Steve Sutton are all still injured as Forest strive to overcome last season's beaten finalists.

Clough said: "If things get any worse I will have to stick my own name on the team sheet. We got a reprieve on Sunday when we scrapped and battled for a draw. But it won't be any easier at our place."

Hodge is back at the City Ground after spending three days in The Netherlands receiving specialist treatment for his calf injury.

Simon Osborn has been called into the Palace squad but the manager, Steve Coppell, is likely to name an unchanged team.

Mel Machin, the Barnsley manager, expects his second-division side to beat Leeds United at Elland Road in another third-round replay. The Leeds defender, Peter Haddock, could return after missing four games with knee, ankle and calf injuries.

Coventry City, FA Cup winners in 1987, are again without their player-manager, Terry Butcher, and David Speedie for the replay with Wigan Athletic, of the third division, at Springfield Park tonight. Both are suffering from heavy colds. Coventry are giving a two-week trial to the Polish international midfield player, Piotr Soczynski.

● Woking's FA Cup fourth-round tie against Everton, switched to Goodison Park on police advice, could be staged on Sunday, January 27. The match will be put back 24 hours – and with a 3pm kick-off be in direct competition with a live television tie – if Liverpool beat Blackburn Rovers in tonight's third-round replay at Anfield. Liverpool would then be at home to Brighton on the Saturday.

● Swindon Town were forced to postpone last night's FA Cup third-round replay with Leyton Orient after weathermen warned that expected Force 9 winds could make the County Ground unsafe. The sides, who drew 1-1 at Orient on Saturday, will now meet on Monday. Plymouth Argyle's tie against Middlesbrough was another casualty.

Title claim put by born-again Hallett

By STEVE ACTESON

DESPITE his status as world No. 7, Mike Hallett has won only the Hong Kong Open during the past two seasons. After beating Wayne Jones 5-2 yesterday to reach the last eight of the £300,000 Mercantile Credit Classic in Bournemouth, he was attempting to convince all hearers that he was ready to become a champion once more.

Jones, with only the last four colours left, recovered from 58-32 in arrears to win the second frame after Hallett had twice gone in-off the brown. The clearance of 50 put Hallett 2-1 ahead, however, and he then cleared from green to pink for 3-1.

Jones, ranked 22nd, took frame five on the pink but muffed the final blue to surrender the sixth and Hallett potted the final brown out of a snooker to win the seventh frame and a place in the next round in which, today, he plays the first season professional, Rod Lawler.

"I haven't showed anything like my best form for 12 to 14 months now. I wasn't enjoying my snooker and I was being lazy," Hallett said. During last year's world championship, his manager, Ian Doyle, threatened to sack him because of his preference of golf and discotheques to practice.

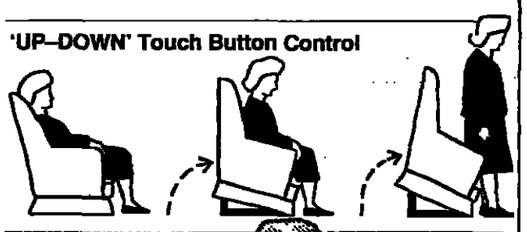
Last November, Hallett broke his cue into six pieces after losing to the world champion, Stephen Hendry, 5-0 in Dubai. "I've a new cue now that I'm happy with and I've been practising seven hours a day," he said. "I'm well overdue another title but this is the first time in more than a year that I've actually felt capable of winning one."

RESULTS: Fifth round: M Hallett (Eng) bt W Jones (Wales), 5-2. Late Monday result: A Drago (Malta) bt R Chaperon (Can), 5-3. Today's order of play (quarter finals, best of nine frames): 11am Hallett v R Lawler (Eng); 7.15pm J White (Eng) v K Doherty (Eire).

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Scotland will rely on experience against France

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND yesterday reassembled all but two of the components that won them the grand slam last season, when they named the team to open the defence of the five nations' rugby union championship against France in Paris on January 19. They did so in the knowledge that they would need all their experience to muster a win on the Parc des Princes ground, where they have yet to win an international.

The missing pieces are Finlay Calder, now retired from international rugby and Iwan Tukalo. Calder's place in the back row is filled by a shuffle of the full hand of talented loose forwards available to the Scottish selectors: John Jeffrey moves across from the blind side and Derek Turnbull, of Hawick, who played in the grand slam match against England as a replacement for the injured Derek White, wins his fifth cap.

On the left wing, Alex Moore, of Edinburgh Academicals, who displaced Tukalo during the tour of New Zealand last summer, retains the position and will make his first championship appearance.

Turnbull, Derek White and Damian Cronin were not available because of injuries for the match against Argentina in November, which Scotland won 49-3.

All are recovered and displace Adam Buchanan-Smith, the Heriot's FP flanker, Graeme Marshall at No. 8 and George Weir at lock, respectively. Buchanan-Smith is suffering from a pelvic injury, but Marshall and Weir both played for the Blues in last Saturday's drawn trial match at Murrayfield.

It is no surprise to see the changes because they enhance the all-round experience of the team.

Gavin Hastings, Chris Gray and Kenny Milne, who played in the Reds (the junior side) in the trial, all take their expected places, but David Milne, Kenny's brother and a B international five times, appears among the replacements for the first time.

Overall it is a team demonstrating the consistency of selection which has been a Scottish hallmark in recent years. The French team is due to be chosen this weekend.

Scotland's game with France in 1985 was refereed by an Englishman, Laurie Prideaux. Similarly, Ed Morrison will handle his first senior international on Saturday week.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), S R P Lineen (Boroughmuir), A Moore (Edinburgh Academicals); C M Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals, captain), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), D J Turnbull (Hawick), C A Gray (Nottingham), D F Cronin (Bath), J Jeffrey (Kelso), D B White (London Scottish). Replacements: P W Dods (Gala), D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), G N Oliver (Hawick), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals), D F Milne (Heriot's FP), G R Marshall (Selkirk).

Another problem for Wales as Ring is injured

By DAVID HANDS

ROBERT Jones has been cleared of any viral infection and sustained his challenge yesterday for the scrum-half position in the Welsh side to play England that will be named tomorrow. The results of blood tests on the Swansea player proved negative and he joined in yesterday's practice match as the Welsh squad remained behind closed doors in Cardiff.

Others were not so fortunate: Adrian Davies and Andrew Kembery have been precluded by injury from selection and Mark Ring, the Cardiff centre and one of the few experienced players in the squad, limped out of the match with a groin strain which he has been advised to rest this weekend.

Cardiff need him against Bridgend to try and break a run of three league defeats, but Ron Waldron, the Welsh team manager, said: "We hope Mark won't play on Saturday and risk aggravating the injury."

Waldron had been deprived, earlier in the day, of the services of Davies, the Cambridge University and Neath stand-off half, who has been told to rest a shoulder injury for a month, and Kembery, the Neath lock who has a fractured cheekbone and will also be out for a month.

Simon Hill, the Cardiff centre, joined the squad as cover for Stuart Parfitt, of Swansea, who has influenza. Steve Williams, the Swansea flanker, and Steve Ford, the Cardiff wing, who collided with a tree, have minor injuries.

England, whose match XV will be known when it trains at Twickenham on Sunday, are also to have private preparations on the Thursday before the game. This unusual step is to allow the team to concentrate free of the curiosity of the public and, more essentially, the media.

IOC plans to eliminate claims of malpractice

By DAVID MILLER

TWO radical alterations to the bidding system for hosting the Olympic Games are to be considered by the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at its next meeting, in Barcelona in April. They are aimed at eliminating accusations of malpractice by both ambitious cities and a minority of IOC members.

There will be discussion of both issues, among others, today in Lausanne when representatives of the candidates for 1996 – Atlanta, the winners, Athens, Belgrade, Manchester, Melbourne and Toronto – meet for a debriefing at IOC headquarters. The election of Atlanta was surrounded by controversy.

Bob Scott, the chairman of Manchester, is expected to propose a preliminary selection by the executive board, to reduce candidates to, say, three where there are in excess of four starters.

The executive's proposals, which could not become operational before the voting on the 1998 Winter Games hosts, to be made at the session in Birmingham in June, are:

Either, all air travel arrangements for IOC members visiting candidate cities to be made through the IOC's own travel bureau, and the invoices then to be sent to the respective bid cities; or, travelling to candidate cities by IOC members to be prohibited other than in the course of other activities. It is thought the second proposal may be unacceptable to members.

COMMENT

The first move is aimed at the profiteering activity of a minority. Planning a visit to, say, Manchester, Atlanta and Toronto from the Far East or from Africa, members would purchase privately a round-the-world excursion ticket, and then charge each city individually, in cash, for a separate first-class return ticket. The change would much reduce bidding cities' costs.

The alternative proposal, more desirable, would even more substantially cut expenditure, with members being then dependent upon the report of the IOC's Evaluation Commission, which has visited all the cities. It makes little sense if the Evaluation Commission, comprised of a few experts, visits all candidates and is then needlessly duplicated by the visits of members individually.

Scott said yesterday: "I certainly believe the co-ordination of visits, in terms of expense, would be right. But if the voting system is left as it is, to prohibit visits would benefit hugely those cities with an established image at the expense of those less known. Given the history of the voting, I am not sure the members haven't mostly got it right. As for showing off your city, it seems to me very much part of the business, and Atlanta did that supremely well."

The Evaluation Commission for 1996 in fact placed Atlanta top and Athens bottom; but this information was suppressed. To have publicised it beforehand would have deflected much of the criticism that followed the election of Atlanta.

Last time there was a separate commission sent by the Association of Summer Olympic Games Federations (ASOIF); the report was lavishly printed but without any real conclusions it was largely ignored. In future, there will be a commission with two representatives from each of the IOC, international federations and association of national Olympic committees (ANOC).

In most other sports the selection of host cities is decided by such a commission in conjunction with the executive board, but for the Olympic Games this is the last decision of importance still remaining in the hands of the members.

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